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## Solidarity men threaten to blow up steel plant

MOSCOW, Dec. 21 (Agencies) — Militants of the free trade union Solidarity have barricaded themselves in the Katowice Steel Works in southern Poland and are threatening to blow it up, the official Soviet news agency Tass said Monday.

The militants occupying the plant were threatening to explode its central furnaces using reserves of oxygen and acetylene gas, Tass said. The Kremlin agency described the threat as a "clear act of blackmail" against the military authorities. It said the militants were operating under a subversive slogan — "Martial law frightens only the weak."

There was no fresh information Monday about the situation in the Ziemowit Coal Mine near Katowice, where Tass reported Sunday that Solidarity militants had blown up

conditions had arisen." The general explained why the council was formed. "It became a must at the critical moment when the efforts of the Polish Sejm (parliament), government and state administration turned out to be ineffective" and Poland's Socialist system had become "completely endangered."

He continued: "Anyway, as the internal situation is getting more and more stable, the restrictions of public liberties will be reduced or repealed." *Trybuna Ludu* stated in a headline that "The economy had started to function better." The headline was above an interview with Marian Wozniak, secretary of the central committee of the Polish Workers Party. Wozniak said there was no use introducing economic reforms without "strengthening work discipline and restoring the normal functioning of industry."

He said that while it was "too early to make a complete judgment, from reports coming in I can state that the economy has clearly begun to function better." But he admitted that the food situation was still difficult, so Soviet aid was particularly valuable on this score.

But it appeared that Poland's ruling military council was still struggling to contain strikes and other industrial strife in several areas of the country. Reuter correspondent Brian Mooney reported from Warsaw that the authorities had acknowledged continuing pockets of unrest and resistance. In a dispatch submitted for official censorship, Mooney said the curfew had been reduced by two hours in the capital and other areas but remained as before in five key provinces — Aalborg, Szczecin, Lublin, Katowice and Wrocław. But in Gdansk, the Baltic port that gave birth to Solidarity 16 months ago, the curfew was being enforced two hours earlier.

Mooney quoted official reports as saying the area was now quiet but work had been suspended at the Gdansk and Gdynia shipyards until Dec. 24. A Danish journalist who arrived at the Swedish ferry port of Ystad from Poland Monday said Solidarity sources in Gdansk told him that troops shot 28 persons dead and wounded more than 200 there last Wednesday. Per Olsen, who had been in Poland with a party delivering relief supplies to hospitals, said he was told the clashes took place as people tried to lay wreaths at a memorial to workers killed in the Gdansk bread riots of 1970.

Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig who first disclosed the defection of the Polish ambassador in Washington Romuald Spasowski on the CBS Television network "Face the Nation" interview program Sunday, said there were reports other Polish diplomats also might seek asylum.

Spasowski had consulted frequently in recent days with Haig and other U.S. officials. In a gloomy assessment Thursday, he told reporters at the State Department that things were getting worse in Poland. Reporters remarked among themselves at the time that Spasowski looked enormously depressed.

Haig said Spasowski informed the government of his decision to request political asylum Saturday and that Reagan had directed that the requests be met and that Spasowski be provided with the necessary protection to ensure his well-being. Spasowski said in his statement that the crackdown imposed by the Communist military government Dec. 12 was "carefully orchestrated and directed and 'is not an internal



GRANTED ASYLUM: The Polish "reign of terror" was decried Monday in Washington by Polish Ambassador to the United States Romuald Spasowski. The ambassador reported he had been granted political asylum in the United States.

one of the entrances, trapping 1,300 men underground. Solidarity sources in the West said that Ziemowit was believed to be one of the Silesian pits where miners had staged a sit-in and that there was no question of miners being held underground against their will.

Experts on mine safety in Britain said it would require enormous quantities of explosives to blow up a mine shaft and it was more probable that the miners had sabotaged the winding gear. The Tass report itself said there was still a second exit from the pit, although the agency reported that Solidarity members had threatened to blow that if security forces tried to storm the mine.

On the ninth day of martial law in Poland, one military leader raised the prospect that army rule may be repealed on a region-to-region basis.

Polish state television, reporting continued trouble in Silesia, said the new military governor had promised that security forces would do their utmost to avoid again using force against striking miners. FAP news agency said the governor, Gen. Roman Paszkowski, had visited miners wounded in last week's clashes. It said most of them were recovering.

The agency today carried a long list of Solidarity officials facing summary trials, mostly on charges of inciting workers to strike.

In another development Gen. Mieczyslaw Debietki, chief of the National Defense Committee Secretariat, was quoted by the Polish news agency PAP as saying restrictions on public liberties would be reduced or repealed as the internal situation became more stable. "It may happen, for example, that martial law will be repealed in those provinces or regions of the country where the situation has improved decisively, making it possible to set about a normally organized social and economic life," the general told the Communist Party newspaper *Trybuna Ludu*.

The PAP dispatch was received through Tass.

He continued: "On the contrary, the council is a temporary body and one can say that it is paving the way for our state to act in a normalized socio-political-economic situation."

Asked how long martial law would be in force, he said: "As long as is required by the internal situation of the state or, until normal

### Dockers to boycott U.S.-Poland sailings

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (R) — The International Longshoremen's Association (ILA), America's principal dockworkers' union, Monday announced it will boycott all shipments between the United States and Poland. ILA President Thomas Gleason said the boycott would start immediately.

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## U.S. reacts mildly to Begin's attack

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (Agencies) — The Reagan administration says it believes that the current row over Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights will not damage its close relations with the Zionist state.

Administration spokesmen reacted mildly to Prime Minister Menachem Begin's angry attack on the United States Sunday for suspending its Strategic Cooperation Pact with Israel, saying that such differences occurred among good friends. Secretary of State Alexander Haig said the annexation of the Golan Heights did not affect the fundamentally close U.S. relationship with Israel. But he added that the administration had made it clear that Israel did not have "a blank check for its conduct."

Begin accused the United States of treating Israel like "a vassal state" or "a banana republic" in suspending the pact in retaliation for the annexation. He declared that the pact, signed Nov. 30, was canceled, but Haig said in a television interview that these "storm clouds" would pass.

Presidential Counselor Edwin Meese said he did not believe the dispute represented a break in U.S.-Israeli relations. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger told another television interviewer that he was disappointed by Begin's violent reaction but said the basic alliance between the two countries was strong and permanent. "We have the feeling it is essential that there be an understanding that the unilateral actions that surprise us and surprise the world are matters which shouldn't be allowed to pass lightly," he said.

Washington was caught off guard last Monday when the Israeli Knesset (parliament) suddenly passed a law annexed the

Syrian Golan Heights, occupied by Israel during the 1967 war. To register its displeasure, the administration halted action on indirect aid to the Israeli defense industry as well as suspending the Strategic Cooperation Agreement.

Haig said he still expected Israel to abide by the Camp David peace accords and return the remainder of the occupied Sinai to Egypt on schedule next April and to continue to take an active part in negotiations on Palestinian self-rule.

Meanwhile, in Tel Aviv, Begin faced a parliamentary no-confidence motion Monday over his handling of worsening relations with the United States.

The motion, presented by the two-man Shinui (change) faction, was to be debated in the 120-member house Tuesday or Wednesday. It came amid considerable criticism of Begin for his angry outburst against the United States.

Israeli newspaper Monday reported discord in the Israeli cabinet over Begin's angry outburst. The dailies, *Haaretz* and *Maariv* said at least three ministers expressed reservations about Begin's tone and his annullment of the Strategic Alliance.

Editorial opinion also was generally against Begin's outburst. *The Jerusalem Post* said it contained "a touch of sheer insanity."

Former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said in Tel Aviv on returning from the U.S. that he thought Washington would use the Golan annexation as an excuse to abandon the 1978 Camp David accords.

The majority of the Golan's Druze population have come out against the annexation.

Search unsuccessful

### Italian police identify two kidnappers

VERONA, Italy, Dec. 21 (AP) — Italian anti-terrorist police said Monday they were hunting for two long-wanted Red Brigades urban guerrillas who may have helped kidnap an American army general last Thursday. Italian newspapers reported that police had identified two suspected terrorists — Remo Pancelli and Antonio Savasta — as members of the commando unit that seized Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier.

The two are already wanted in connection with the murder of an Italian paramilitary police general and the kidnapping of a judge in Rome a year ago.

An anti-terrorist police officer, who asked to remain anonymous, confirmed the news reports, saying that police had used eyewitness descriptions and results of a computer check of available evidence to identify the two.

Later, however, Verona Police Chief Fausto Zappone said there was no "solid evidence" that the two helped nab Dozier. He conceded that the largest manhunt ever mounted by Italian police has yielded precious little after more than three days.

"So far we have nothing concrete. We've carried out many searches and set up many roadblocks, but we haven't stopped anyone," Zappone said.

Meanwhile, hundreds of police, working with six anti-terrorist experts from the U.S. Defense Department, searched houses and apartments in northeast Italy for the fourth straight day. Police said they believed the terrorists had gone to the Dozier home Monday to kidnap him, but had to postpone the abduction by three days because he wasn't at home. Pancelli and Savasta were identified as two of Dozier's abductors on the basis of eyewitness descriptions and results of a computer check of available evidence, police said.

Dozier's wife Judith, and a woman passerby who hasn't been identified, saw members of the eight- or nine-terrorist commando

that grabbed the general, according to police sources. Pancelli, 36, is a former post office worker who has been missing since May, 1980. Savasta, 25, a former law student missing for a year and a half, is suspected of being a leader of the Red Brigades organization in Sardinia.

Both are wanted on arrest warrants related to the murder last Dec. 31, of Gen. Antonio Galvagni in Rome, and the kidnapping of judge Giovanni d'Urso. The two crimes were part of a Red Brigades offensive against the nation's prison system.

In Rome, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger said he discussed the Dozier kidnapping with Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo during talks concentrating on the Polish crisis.

"I thanked Colombo for what the Italian government is going to deal with this dramatic event," Eagleburger said.

He also conferred with Prime Minister Giovanni Spadolini about the abduction and its anti-NATO objectives, Italian officials reported.

"The perfect collaboration between Italian authorities and the American experts (sent to Italy) during the investigation was underlined at the meeting," the officials said in a communique.

Italian and U.S. authorities say the Red Brigades terrorists involved in the general's kidnapping will get no ransom or other concessions for releasing their hostage. U.S. officials, asked about policy in dealing with the Red Brigades referred to testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last June made this position clear. "They (terrorists) can expect no concessions from us. We will not pay ransom or release prisoners. We will not bargain for the release of hostages."

## U.S. urged, firmly face Israel issue

RIYADH, Dec. 21 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia Monday urged the United States to firmly face the repeated Israeli provocations and disregard of human rights as witnessed by its move to annex the Golan Heights.

A statement after a two-hour meeting of the Council of Ministers under Crown Prince Fahd said, "The Council expresses its hope that the United States will firmly oppose the repeated Israeli provocations and violations of Arab human rights and International Law."

Cabinet Spokesman Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani, the information minister, said that Prince Fahd briefed the Cabinet on the international repercussions totally against the Israeli decision. The Cabinet carefully studied the American stance toward this grave Israeli aggression, he added.

Dr. Yamani said that the Council also discussed the results of Interior Minister Prince Naif's visit to Bahrain and expressed its satisfaction over the security agreement signed with Bahrain. The Council also affirmed that Gulf security was common to all the states of the area and that Saudi Arabia will rise with all its force to repel any attempt at shaking the region's security.

### India considers no-war pact

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21 (AFP) — After initial hesitation the Indian government is preparing to open a "meaningful dialogue" with Pakistan on the latter's proposal for a no-war pact that could eventually lead to stable and friendly relations between the two countries, official sources disclosed here Monday.

Foreign Minister Narasimha Rao has been holding meetings with his top aides during the last few days to work out a formula to meet the Pakistani demand for discussions.

The sources said India, which at first rejected the Pakistani proposal saying there was nothing new in it, was now veering to the position that some ground existed for talks.

The Foreign Office discussions were started on instructions from Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi who had earlier said that President Zia ul Haq's offer was the same as what India had been offering since some 30 years ago.

Mrs. Gandhi was understood to have changed her mind after she met India's ambassador to Islamabad, Natwar Singh, who was summoned here during the weekend to throw more light on the Pakistani position.

## Drop for U.S. seen in 1982 Turkey may beat Japan growth rate

PARIS, Dec. 21 (AFP) — The United States will be the only member of the 24-nation Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) to record negative growth in 1982, while Turkey is likely to show the fastest growth ahead of Japan, OECD said Monday.

OECD's half-yearly report on the economic outlook forecast a 0.5 percent decline in U.S. gross national product (GNP) in 1982, after 1.75 percent growth this year. The U.S. accounts for just over one-third of total OECD GNP, estimated to have grown by a modest 1.25 percent this year and forecast to be rising at the same rate in 1982.

The report showed that Turkey will be topping the OECD growth league this year and next with rates of respectively 4 percent and 5.25 percent, followed by Japan with rates of 3.75 percent both years. Australia and Denmark, at 3.25 percent, will be the only other OECD countries to grow faster than 3 percent next year, according to the forecasts.

The report indicated negative growth rates for seven of the ten members of the European Economic Community (EEC) this year, accounting for a 0.75 percent decline in the community's overall GNP, expected to recover to 1.5 percent next year.

In its latest "economic outlook" covering the next 18 months, OECD said Japan is set for a "moderate" but "steady" recovery of economic activity led by domestic demand, with growth picking up gradually to reach an annual rate of 4.75 percent by mid-1983.

The following are OECD's GNP growth

Country	1980	1981	1982	1983
United States	-0.2	1.75	-0.5	3p
Japan	4.2	3.75	3.75	4.75
West Germany	1.8	-1.0	1.25	3.25
France	1.2	0.5	2.5	3.0
Britain	-1.8	-2.0	0.25	3.0
Italy	4.0	0	1.0	3.0
Canada	0	3.0	1.0	3.0
Other OECD countries	2.0	0.75	1.75	3.0
OECD without U.S.	1.9	0.75	3.0	3.0
Total OECD	1.2	1.25	1.25	3.0

forecasts for the seven major member countries (percentage changes 1980, 1981, 1982 and annual rate first half of 1983):

OECD added the external contribution to the growth of Japan's gross national product (GNP) should be "significantly reduced" next year. But the country's current account surplus, estimated at \$5.5 billion this year, following a turnaround from a 1980 deficit of \$10.75 billion might never rise to \$17 billion in 1982 and \$23 billion at annual rate by mid-1983, the report said. It added that export volume growth on a customs basis could decelerate in the first half of 1982, but would then re-accelerate as growth resumed in foreign markets and Japan's relative external competitiveness improved.

Under the "technical assumption" of unchanged exchange rates — with the yen at its November level of 230 yen to the U.S. dollar — the report forecast a Japanese trade surplus of \$4.75 billion next year, up from \$21.02 billion this year.

It suggested the surplus could widen further in 1983, and be running at an annual rate of \$41.5 billion, even with "some allowance, necessarily approximate, for the effects of export restraint on certain commodities."

This forecast assumed a moderate growth in imports "because energy and raw materials imports are likely to stagnate, reflecting energy saving and the weak recovery of raw material-intensive sectors," the report said.

OECD figures indicated a Japanese export growth of 7.25 percent next year. After a sharp jump of 18.4 percent last year and a 13 percent rise this year, imports, on the other hand, were expected to show a slight increase of 1.25 percent in 1982 and 5.5 percent by mid-1983, after falling off by 3.25 percent

## Fahd receives Yemeni message

RIYADH, Dec. 21 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd Monday received a written message from North Yemen's President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

The message was delivered by North Yemen's Chief of General Staff Col. Abdul Aziz Lutf Al-Barazi during a meeting at the crown prince's office.

The meeting was attended by Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard, Prince Abdullah and Chief of the General Staff, Gen. Saleh Muhammad Al-Hammad.

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# SR1.79b contracts awarded for roads

RIYADH, Dec. 21 (SPA) — Communications Minister Sheikh Hussein Mansouri signed three contracts Sunday for building 457 kilometers of roads in several parts of the Kingdom. The three contracts' value reached SR1.793 billion.

Mansouri has signed with a group of national companies a contract for the construction and paving of the Riyadh — Sudair — Qasim expressway at a total value of SR1.6 billion. The project, which has been divided into nine parts, provides for building a dual-carriage highway with three lanes in each direction. The two directions are to be separated with a median of 16 meters. The road also will comprise 23 flyovers at intersection points to various villages along the way. Provided with all necessary safety methods, the expressway is expected to serve fast-moving traffic among the three areas.

Another contract signed by the minister was a SR160.7 million accord for building a 28-kilometer expressway that will link the Kingdom to North Yemen. The road will start from Dhahran Al-Janoub to Saana in Yemen traveling through a series of mountains.

The third contract provides for building

two road connections at Hafirah and Mahel with a total length of 68 kilometers and a combined cost of SR25 million.

Meanwhile Al-Riyadh reported Monday that more than SR1.47 billion worth of road projects are under construction or completed. In Bisha, the Southern Region, it quoted Bisha Roads Department Director, Saad Fayed Al-Garni, as saying that the project include the SR500 million Bisha to Raniah road, and the SR200 million road to Uraya.

Garni said the communications minister recently signed a SR170 million contract for the first phase of the Bisha to Raniah road at a length of 164 kilometers.

The official added that the first phase of the proposed SR600 million Bisha to Khamis Mushait road will be awarded shortly. The first phase starts at Khamis Mushait and ends at Raghwa, he said. The total length of the whole road will be 269 kilometers.

Also under consideration is the Bisha to Riyadh road whose first phase will be let in a public tender shortly covering 100 kilometers, Garni said.

The total length of roads opened in the Bisha and surroundings has reached 2,000



Sheikh Hussein Mansouri

kilometers, according to Garni. These include roads completed already linking Bisha to various areas. The Bisha to Hijaz road extends for 150 kilometers, the road to Admat Shamran 140 kilometers, the road to Taraj 145 kilometers and several other roads that provide connections for villages with the Taif to Abha road and the Turba to Habanyia road.

Meanwhile, eight teams for servicing the roads have been formed and the communications ministry has approved the establishment of an asphalt team at the cost of SR13 million.

## Postal services increase volume by 14.6 percent

RIYADH, Dec. 21 (SPA) — The volume of internal and overseas postal service during the year 1401 H (which ended Oct. 27) reached 460 million mailed items, according to officials of the Posts Directorate Monday.

The figure represents 14.6 percent increase compared to the previous year's service mark of 401 million. Samir Hamid Banaja, posts director general, said. The increase was a natural result of the rise in various methods of the postal service Kingdom-wide. Post offices and centers total 563 in the main cities, while mobile postal services covered more than 3,000 villages across a distance of 68,000 kilometers, Banaja said.

Surface mail reached 288 towns and villages over a distance of 38,200 kilometers, the director general said. The number of post boxes serving subscribers reached 79,852, while mail boxes in the streets increased to 733, he added.

The directorate has set up three institutes in Riyadh, Jeddah and Dammam to train national personnel. So far, 641 have graduated from these institutes, at the same time another 679 personnel received special courses. Those sent to Europe and America for further studies reached 60 people, Banaja said.

## Saudi group secures pact for Tihama electrification

By Ahmad Kamal Khuro

JEDDAH, Dec. 21 — The Saudi Consolidated Electric Company (SCECO) for the Southern Region recently has awarded the engineering consultancy contract for the Tihama electrification project to a newly-established Saudi Arabian group, Al-Bawardy Consulting Engineers, Arab News learned Monday.

Although tenders are expected to be called in January, the project is estimated to cost between SR2 billion and SR4 billion. The work involves the electrification of 30,000 square kilometers of the Tihama and will serve a population of about 350,000.

Al-Bawardy's consultancy work includes precontract services, tender evaluation, negotiation and supervision of the work. The project involves the setting up of a central generating station, electric transmission lines and a distribution network. The value of the consultancy contract is SR52 million and the work is to be completed in 42 months. The main part of the engineering staff of the Saudi Arabian company will be stationed in Qunfudah.

Al-Bawardy also has been awarded a contract by SCECO for the Central Region for master electrification plans for the Ad Dawadmi district, an area of 34,000 square kilometers and Al Washim area covering 13,000 square kilometers.

Recently the General Electricity Corporation awarded electricity projects worth SR540 million. The GEC finances and builds electricity projects and turns them over to regional electric firms. The corporations board Sunday

approved the awarding of a SR120 million project to an international company to build the main transmission stations for the Jof Central Electricity project in addition to a high tension network of 87 kilometers in length.

The board also approved commissioning another SR122 million contract for the supply installation and operation of branch power plants that are under construction at present as part of the Qasim Central Electricity project.

Under the subsidy-fueled consumer demand, the Kingdom's electricity sector has exploded in recent years and now serves about half of the population. Generating capacity Kingdom-wide multiplied six times during the second plan to reach more than 6,000 megawatts (mw) by the end of 1980 when 857,000 customers were sold 17.4 billion kwh, up from 3.8 billion in 1975, according to government statistics.

During the third plan another 7,600 mw-generating capacity is to be installed to reach some 80 percent of the population. These figures exclude Saline Water Conversion Corporation's capacity, which is to increase rapidly from several hundred megawatts last year to 3,950 mw with completion of all its plants, whose supplies will become increasingly critical to smooth electricity services over the next few years.

The main disadvantage of rapid growth, according to electricity officials in Riyadh, is the lack of time the utilities have had to plan and organize their growth coherently. However, the electric companies are undertaking a massive expansion of their facilities.

## Seminar aids management executives

By Devadas Kini

TAIF, Dec. 21 — Management is essentially a rational approach to organizational matters, and when a person systemizes the workings of an organization it is part of a basic process of institution building, said John F. Archer, chairman of Archer, Smith and Associates (ASA). Archer is heading the advanced management seminar for senior decision-makers in Saudi Arabian industry, which is being held here and is entitled "Saudi Arabia—The Management Challenge."

Referring to the seminar, Archer told Arab News, "This is not a normal training program focusing narrowly on management and administrative techniques." Instead, it is concerned with an overall concept of professional management and decision-making as viewed from the vantage point of the general manager responsible for the total organizational performance and its results.

Archer said the program brings together three important elements — the experience of many senior executives, the major problems they face and professors who have a deep study of similar problems. The group exchanges views, develops a better understanding of the nature of the problems and works together to determine realistic and practical solutions, he added.

On Monday, Prof. Michael Y. Yoshino took up the case study of a conflict in a multinational joint venture, and helped the participants come up with a workable solution. Prof. S.L. Hayes led a discussion on capital budgeting, project financing and the impact of foreign exchange fluctuations on the attractiveness of certain investment opportunities. Prof. F. J. Aguilar focused attention on one of the most important aspects of a director general's job—to be the architect of his company's structure, system and culture.

Archer paid particular tribute to the far-sightedness of Sheikh Abdullah H. Tariki, the seminar's co-sponsor, who identified the need for improved Saudi management at the top level many years ago.

The four-day seminar began on Saturday and includes representatives from Arabian-American Oil Co., the Juffali group, Riyadh Bank, Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu, Olayan Financing Co., SABIC and the Al-Zamil group.

## Abdul Sattar to visit

DACCA, Dec. 21 (AFP) — Bangladesh President Abdul Sattar will pay a four-day state visit to the Kingdom starting Saturday during which he will hold two rounds of talks with King Khalid on bilateral cooperation and international matters.

Tuesday	Makkah	Madinah	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Fajr (Dawn)	5:29	5:37	5:08	4:49	5:23	5:57
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:19	12:20	11:51	11:38	12:03	12:32
Asr (Afternoon)	3:24	3:19	2:50	3:34	2:58	3:24
Maghreb (Sunset)	5:45	5:40	5:11	4:54	5:18	5:43
Isha (Night)	7:15	7:10	6:41	6:24	6:48	7:13

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# Gulf security urged by Kuwait

KUWAIT, Dec. 21 (SPA) — Kuwaiti Interior Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah Monday urged Arab states of the Gulf to join the security agreement that was signed by Saudi Arabia and Bahrain in Manama Sunday.

He expressed the hope that a Gulf security plan would be discussed during the meeting of the interior ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council, which is scheduled to be held in Riyadh next February.

In a statement to Radio Kuwait, Sheikh Nawaf stressed the need for a security plan among the GCC states, so they can encounter any subversive plot against the states and peoples of the region. He reiterated Kuwait's denunciation of the recent subversive attempt in Bahrain and said his country pledges full support to Bahrain in crushing any terrorist plot in that country.



Prince Naif

In the same context, Saudi Interior Minister Prince Naif said in Manama Sunday that the Kingdom's security forces would support their counterparts in the Gulf states, and will be ready to help any Gulf state at the shortest possible time, if such a request was made. He said the Kingdom would look forward to cooperating with the security machinery of any Arab state whose security is endangered by an alien power.

In an interview with a Bahraini newspaper *Akbar Al-Khaleej*, Prince Naif held Iran responsible for the plot and said that Iran cannot absolve itself of this crime. He called upon the Iranian regime to renounce its present policy and to prove its good and sincere intentions toward the Gulf states. With confidence and good intentions prevailing, it would not be difficult to create the factors of stability in this part of the world, he said.

To be held at Ummul Qura University

## Training course aimed at school directors

RIYADH, Dec. 21 (SPA) — The Education Ministry decided to conduct two training courses for directors of primary, intermediate and secondary schools at Ummul Qura University's College of Education, officials reported Monday.

The ministry specified the maximum number of participants as 55 for each course and fixed Feb. 9 as the last date for accepting applications of nomination from all education directorates in the Kingdom. The appli-

cations should be forwarded to the Guidance and Educational Training Directorate General of the ministry.

The conditions set by the ministry for the primary directors course includes possession of teachers' training certificates or one from the Supplementary Studies Center, with two years after graduation and two years service as director of a school or three years as assistant director. However, for the intermediate and secondary school directors course, appli-

cants should hold university qualifications and not be among the persons nominated or accepted for scholarships abroad. They should also have had one year's experience at least as school directors.

In a separate development, Technical Education and Vocational Training Institute Governor Dr. Abdul Wahhab Attar opened Saturday a meeting with directors of vocational institutes and secondary schools. Discussions dealt with administrative and educational conditions of technical schools and institutes in the Kingdom, and means and ways of improving their standards.

The five-day meeting in Riyadh will debate organizing, producing and distributing educational and regulatory methods. The directors also will review the curricula applied in the schools and institutes with the aim of unifying and evaluating the examination procedures. The talks also cover training of Saudi Arabian instructors for these schools.

### SR48m pact signed

RIYADH, Dec. 21 (SPA) — Mahmoud Taiba, General Electricity Corporation governor, signed Monday a contract for illuminating the streets Dhahran Al-Janoub and surrounding villages. The SR48 million contract was awarded to a national company.

It will provide for building a 7,500-kilowatt power generating plant which has been designed to accommodate any future expansion until 17,500 kilowatts. The contract also includes 57-kilometer long medium tension network and 43 kilometers of low tension network. The project, expected to be completed within 20 months, will serve about 2,500 subscribers.

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### Solidarity

Polish issue." But he did not specifically accuse the Soviets of involvement. In fact, he didn't mention the Soviet Union once in his 21-minute statement.

Haig, however, said on the television show there was "no question about Soviet cooperation and support for activities going on in Poland today" and that the Soviets, along with the Polish government, should be held responsible for any "excesses." Haig said there are actions the United States may take, although he didn't specify. But he said they could include some "security-related assets."

Asked if that meant some military response, Haig declined to elaborate, saying it was important not to reveal "what we will or what we will not do as events unfold."

However, Haig and other U.S. officials have said previously that the United States and its allies would not intervene militarily in Poland, even in response to Soviet military intervention.

Communist Party officials in Moscow said Kremlin leaders knew in advance about Gen. Jaruzelski's crackdown on Solidarity and feared a bloody civil war that would have forced Soviet troops to enter Poland. But Soviet leaders are now satisfied the Polish Army has gained the upper hand and Soviet intervention won't be needed, a party and government source said.

In London, British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington Monday spoke of "repressive measures" by the military government in Warsaw and said the West should consider withholding any more food aid to Poland or stipulating it only be channeled through the relief agencies. He also suggested the West should consider suspending all economic aid to Poland, saying it would have a "very profound effect."

In Bonn, sources close to West German intelligence services said that there were no unusual Soviet military movements on the Polish border but Soviet military communications "remained very busy." The sources said that Moscow, which had Soviet advisers in most Polish army units, was closely following developments. In the event of the situation worsening, the Kremlin could always call on two armored divisions stationed in Poland at Swietosow and Borne without bringing in more troops.

### Turkey

this year and 6.3 percent last year. The report noted that Japan's "successful containment of inflationary pressures in the wake of the second oil shock" had brought the rise in consumer prices down to less than 4 percent in last September, the lowest in the OECD area. After a 4.75 percent inflation rate in calendar 1981, prices should decelerate further to a rate of 4.5 percent, it said. The report linked this with a projected modest increase in regular wages (plus 6 percent) next year. It foresaw a 7.5 percent rise in household disposable income and a 3.75 percent growth in real private consumption next year. (Related story on Page 11)

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## Funds given for youth club

RIYADH, Dec. 21 (SPA) — The General Presidency for Youth Welfare has donated \$14,749 for the establishment of a club for Saudi Arabian students in Kansas City in Missouri, it was announced here Monday.

The donation has been made under the directive of King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd to extend youth welfare services to nationals living abroad. The general presidency's five-year plan provides for giving

assistance to the Saudi Arabian youths abroad.

In another development, Othman Al-Saad, deputy general president, held a meeting here Monday to discuss the presidency's participation in the Saudi-Bahraini Brotherhood Week to be held in Bahrain during the spring holidays this year.

Saad stressed the significance of such works that help in the exchange of views and information among the youth and consolidate the bonds of friendship among them. He added that a similar week, which was held in Riyadh last year, and the forthcoming week in Bahrain are the fruits of the meeting held between Prince Faisal Ibn Fahd, general president of Youth Welfare, and Sheikh Issa Al-Khalifa, chairman of the Bahraini Higher Council for Youth, last year.

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# Arab ministers delay conference on Golan

BEIRUT, Dec. 21 (AP) — The foreign ministers of the 21-member Arab League have agreed to postpone for two weeks an emergency session they were to hold in Tunis, Tunisia, on Monday to debate Israel's annexation of Syria's Golan Heights, Arab diplomatic sources here said Monday.

They said the meeting was postponed until after the Jan. 5 session of the United Nations Security Council, which is due to decide what action should be taken against Israel if it fails to rescind the Golan annexation.

The sources, who declined to be identified

**Recruited as security guards**

## 250 Pakistanis leave Libya

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 21 (R) — Some 250 Pakistanis recruited earlier this year to work as security guards in Libya returned home Sunday and were immediately taken to a camp guarded by armed police.

The group was part of a total of 3,000 Pakistanis whose stay in Libya has given rise to rumors about their duties, training and treatment. Relatives of some recruits told reporters they believed the Pakistanis were being trained in guerrilla warfare as well as being sent to fight in Lebanon and with Libyan troops in Chad.

Libya and Pakistan have denied the charges and blamed a private recruiting agency for the men's dissatisfaction with their jobs.

Government officials said the first group of Pakistanis were taken from Karachi Airport to the camp on the outskirts of the city so that arrangements could be made to return them to their homes in mainly isolated parts of the country.

The rest of the 3,000 Pakistanis are due to return from Libya shortly and also will go to the camp. They were recruited last January by a Liberian-based recruiting firm of Pakistani nationals, Al-Murtaza Associates, through three firms in Pakistan. The Pakistan

## Afghans display Soviet prisoners

PEKING, Dec. 21 (R) — Afghan freedom fighters have shown captured Soviet soldiers, vehicles and weapons to foreign journalists, the official Chinese News Agency (NCNA) said Monday. The agency said the press conference was held last Saturday at Allah Jiwari, described as a fighter base in Zabul province in southeastern Afghanistan.

China, which shares a short border with Afghanistan, is bitterly opposed to the Soviet military intervention in support of the government of President Babrak Karmal.

by name, said the exact date of the foreign ministers conference would be announced in light of the Security Council stand and the U.S. position on Israel's refusal to abide by the council's resolution last week, which declared the annexation null and void.

The sources said Syria and other Arab League member states were eager to see whether the U.S.-Israeli strain over the Golan annexation would rest at the suspension of their strategic cooperation pact or would involve further deterioration of relations.

government has since canceled the three firms' licenses.

Authoritative sources said the agreement between Libya and Al-Murtaza Associates stated that the Pakistanis were needed to protect vital installations against theft, intrusion, subversion and sabotage.

Several months later families began to write to Pakistani newspapers complaining that they could not communicate with the recruits in Libya. Relatives said letters smuggled out of Libya reported the recruits were held in isolated camps in poor conditions and were undergoing military training, not working as security guards.

Last month a Pakistani delegation visited Libya to investigate the reports and after negotiations it was decided that any recruits wanting to return home should be repatriated at Libya's expense.

The government-controlled news agency Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) reported at the time that during the visit Libyan Civil Service Minister Abdallah Mabrouk said it was inconceivable that Libya would try to train unwilling people as guerrillas. Mabrouk said reports of mistreatment of the recruits came from "interested imperialist quarters" trying to cause misunderstanding between Pakistan and Libya.

The Soviet prisoners were identified as a tank mechanic, a sergeant and a private. The mechanic, who was said to have been captured in August in Baghlan province, was quoted as saying he had seen at least 20 Soviet soldiers killed in one clash.

The agency said three Soviet students who had crossed the border from Tadzhikistan to join the fighters were also at the press conference. The fighters displayed captured Soviet armed personnel, carriers, communications vehicles and weapons, it said.

## Mrs. Abu Ain protests to U.S. against extradition

AMMAN, Dec. 21 (AP) — The wife of Ziad Abu Ain protested to the U.S. government Monday against the extradition of her husband to Israel to stand trial on a charge of bombing a marketplace in Tiberias in 1979.

Hiam Abu Ain said she delivered her letter of protest to U.S. ambassador in Amman, Jordan, Richard Viets, describing the American extradition order as "illegal, arbitrary and contradicting all international traditions."

She told reporters after emerging from the American Embassy here that she asked in her letter that the United States government should "ensure my husband will be tried by a civil and just court."

She also said she asked that the U.S. government should make certain the 22-year-old former student in the United States would not be tortured by ensuring that physicians check him up in prison regularly.

Mrs. Abu Ain said she requested from the American government to ensure that property of her husband's family in the occupied West Bank would not be expropriated or its house blown up as a result of the charge against her husband.

Abu Ain was held in Chicago prison since August 1979 before he was handed over to Israel two weeks ago to stand trial for alleged complicity in the Tiberias bombing that killed two Israelis and wounded 36.

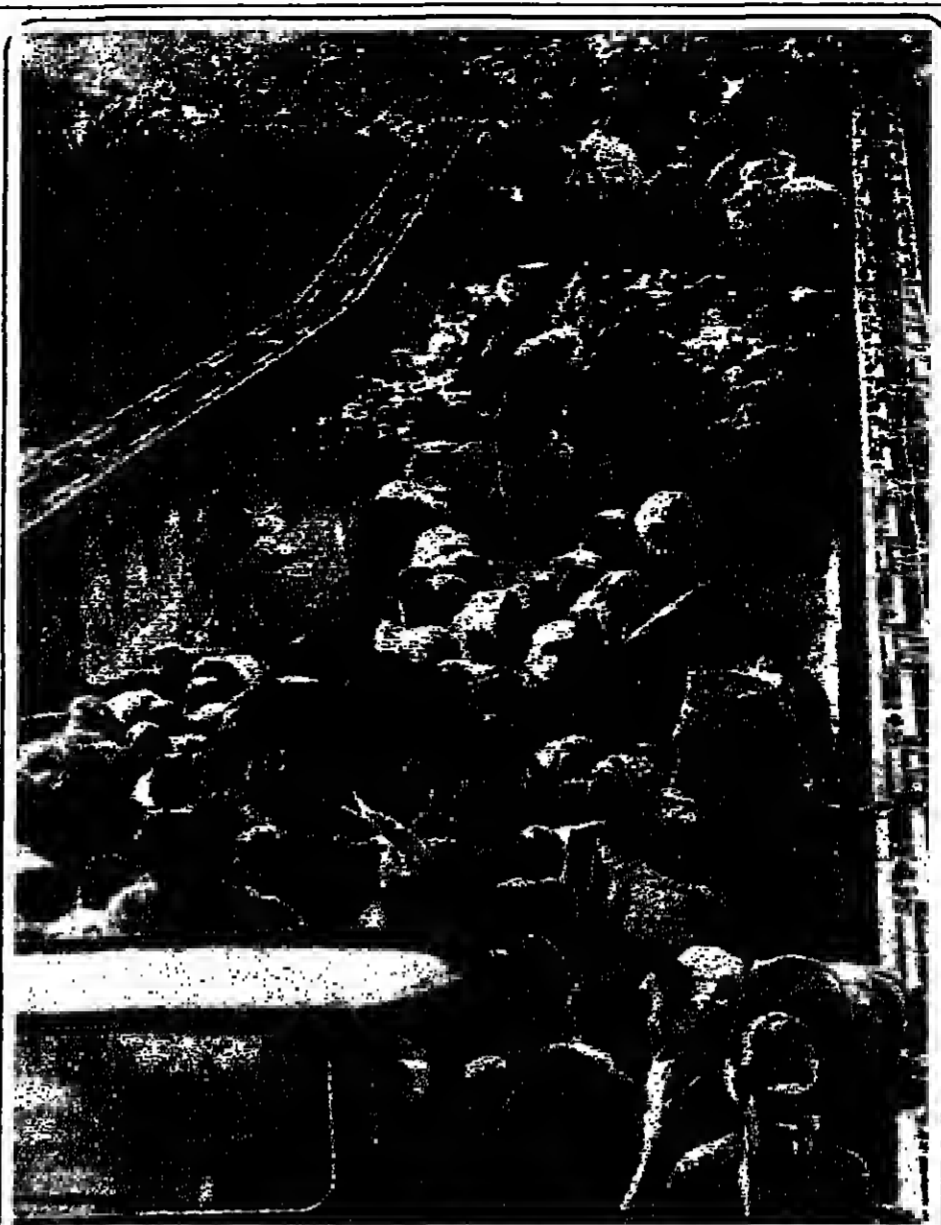
The Arab League and most Arab governments protested against the U.S. decision to extradite Abu Ain whose trial has been scheduled for early next month in Tel Aviv.

His wife said she held the U.S. government responsible for his personal safety and protested in the letter "the inhuman way with which he was taken hand and feet cuffed and carried on a stretcher out of jail in Chicago."

She also said she had asked that her husband's sister in Chicago be allowed to collect all his belongings, including papers, letters and diary from the Chicago federal prison and make sure these belongings are not turned over to Israeli authorities.

## Kuwait premier visits Tunisia

TUNIS, Dec. 21 (R) — Kuwait Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad al-Abdullah al-Sabah arrived here from Tripoli Monday. Sheikh Saad, who was on the second leg of a North African tour, was expected to visit Algeria, Mauritania and Morocco later.



**FLY FROM FIGHTING:** Herding a mass of animals, refugees from the Iranian town of Bostan and its surrounding villages flood across Iraqi-built pontoon bridge spanning the Bostan River, as they flee from the intensified fighting between Iranian and Iraqi forces in the area. Iranian forces recently recaptured Bostan, about five kms from the Iraqi border, and seized the bridge.

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## Iran executions put at 3,350

GENEVA, Dec. 21 (AP) — The International Commission of Jurists, one of the first watchdog bodies to denounce human rights violations in Iran under the late Shah, said on Monday that the three years since his downfall have been marked by ever greater repression and "a sickening growth in the number of executions."

An IJC survey cited official statistics showing that a total of 3,350 people have been executed since 1979, including more than 2,000 since the dismissal of President Bani-Sadr last June. "These figures may be substantial underestimates," the survey said. Practices of the Iranian revolutionary courts

are "in violation of all international norms, including the (United Nations) International Covenant and Civil and Political Rights" to which Iran is a party.

The survey pointed to widespread reports of massacres, ill-treatment and torture and said that "numerous official (Iranian) statements point to the conclusion that the present repression has now discarded all the safeguards of the rule of law. In the words of President Bani-Sadr: 'There is no more laws,'" it said.

The Geneva-based commission groups prominent jurists from about 40 Western and Third World countries.

## Eritrea group says Ethiopia planning new offensive

CAIRO, Dec. 21 (R) — A spokesman for an Eritrean resistance group fighting the Ethiopian government charged Monday that Ethiopia was launching a new offensive against the fighters.

Taha Nur, head of the foreign relations office of the Eritrean Liberation Front-People's Liberation Forces (ELF-PLF), told a Cairo press conference the Ethiopian army had formed two new divisions to help in the offensive.

He claimed that South Yemen had recently sent an armored brigade to Ethiopia which was now stationed around the key Eritrean town of Agordat. A Cuban infantry battalion had also arrived at the Red Sea port of Assab, he added, but gave no dates. He said 60 Soviet advisers were helping at the Ethiopian military command for operations against the fighters which was now based in the northeast city of Asmara.

The ELF-PLF is the smallest of three main groups which have been fighting the Ethiopian government for years to win independence for the Red Sea province of Eritrea.

Nur said the planned offensive by Ethiopian forces would be the sixth since 1974 and like the others would be "doomed to failure." He charged that the Ethiopian government had allowed the Soviet Union to establish a medium-range missile launching pad on Mount Moussa Ali, which overlooks the Straits of Bab El-Mandeb between South Yemen and Djibouti.

## BRIEFS

BEIRUT, (AFP) — Israeli aircraft flew over Beirut three times early Monday drawing intense antiaircraft fire. On the third overflight at 11 a.m. local time (0900 GMT), three fighters were clearly visible at an estimated altitude of 3,000 meters.

BEIRUT, (R) — A Palestinian commando group has claimed responsibility for an explosion on board a Greek registered vessel as it approached the Israeli port of Haifa Sunday. A statement by the Arab May 15 Organization for the Liberation of Palestine said the explosion "killed or wounded a large number of Zionist immigrants and tourists."

TEL AVIV, (AFP) — Violence erupted for the second consecutive night Sunday night at the Hebrew University here, between rightist Jewish and Arab students, Israeli radio reported. Ultimately 200 students took part in the fray after a rightist group attacked a gathering of Arab students, according to the radio report. Five students were slightly injured.

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**Interior minister says**

**2,500 extremists held after Sadat's murder**

CAIRO, Dec. 21 (AP) — Egyptian Interior Minister Nabawi Ismail has disclosed that 2,500 religious fundamentalists were arrested following President Anwar Sadat's assassination Oct. 6, according to the Middle East News Agency. Previous official reports had put the number at only 700.

Nabawi made the disclosure Sunday during a parliamentary debate and said the arrests have been carried out under an emergency law declared after four fundamentalists, led by Army Lt. Khaled el-Islambouly, killed Sadat while reviewing a military parade.

The assassins are among 24 persons belonging to various fundamentalist groups currently under trial by a military tribunal for involvement in Sadat's death.

The minister was also quoted as saying that the number of detainees has been reduced after President Hosni Mubarak's recent decision to release those whose innocence has been proven.

He gave no figures but he was referring to 48 political personalities ordered freed by Mubarak. They were among 1,536 persons belonging to extremist religious groups and political opponents ordered detained by Sadat only one month before his assassination.

The released included internationally known journalists and author Muhammad Hassanain Heykal and a number of former cabinet ministers.

The number of arrested and detained now stands, according to official figures, at 3,988.

**Reagan still facing danger of 'hit teams,' Haig asserts**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (R) — President Reagan and other top U.S. officials are still in danger from reported Libyan assassination teams, Secretary of State Alexander Haig has said.

Despite recent skepticism about the "hit squads" alleged to have been sent to the United States by Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi, Haig said the administration remained on the alert. "We continue to be very alert to the dangers of assassination attempts on high American officials because we know that those dangers continue," he said in a television interview Sunday.

Reagan has said he has proof that assassination teams entered the United States with plans to kill him or other administration officials and that Col. Qaddafi knew it.

Reagan, in response to Libya's alleged anti-American activities, urged all American citizens to leave that country for their own safety and has invalidated U.S. passports for travel to Libya.

In an interview with *People* magazine, Reagan said his wife Nancy suffers more anxiety when he leaves the White House than he does after the March assassination attempt on his life. "It's worse for her. I don't think she got well as quickly as I did," he told the magazine.

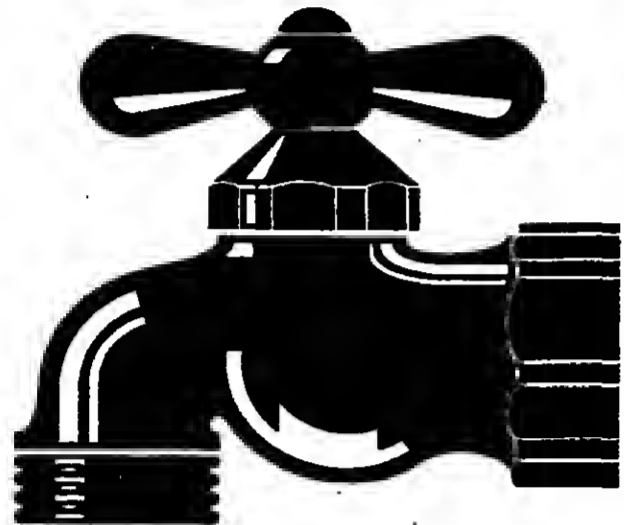
Mrs. Reagan told *People*, "I had thought with time that it would fade but it doesn't. When we went to New York (last month) I don't think I breathed until I got home."

The president said he was more conscious of appearing in public since the attempt on his life.

**Polisario claims killing Moroccans**

ALGIERS, Dec. 21 (AFP) — Several Morocco soldiers were killed in two attacks by the Polisario Front last Friday on troops camped at Khoeigat Aftass in the Western Sahara, the Saharan nationalist group claimed Monday.

A communique issued here by the information ministry of Polisario's self-proclaimed Saharan state alleged that "the Moroccans fled in disarray after several hours' heavy fighting" leaving their dead behind. The Saharan forces overran the Moroccan positions and captured a large amount of military equipment, the communique added. The Polisario Front has been fighting for the independence of Western Sahara, a former Spanish colony claimed by Morocco, for six years.



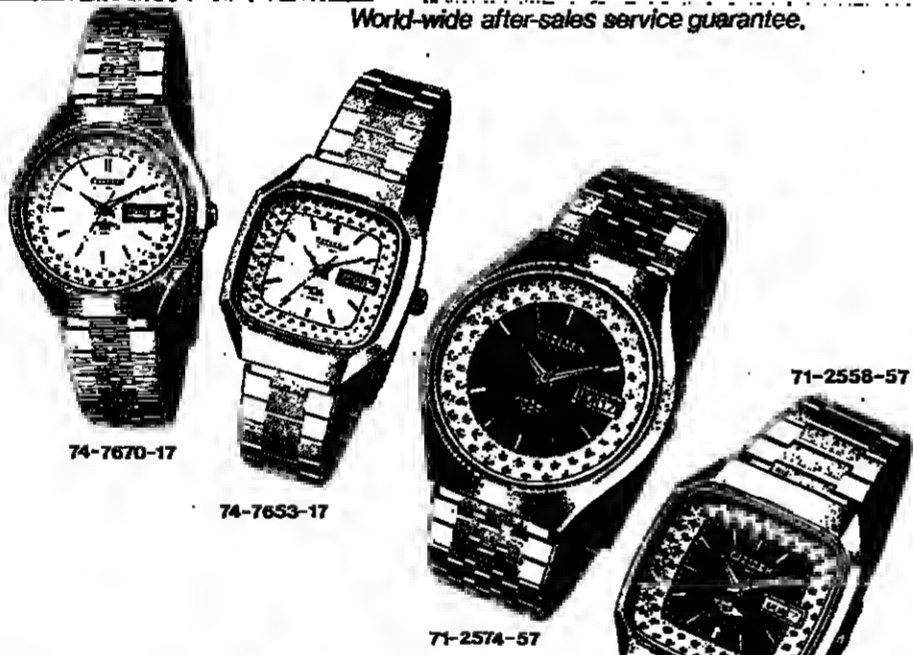
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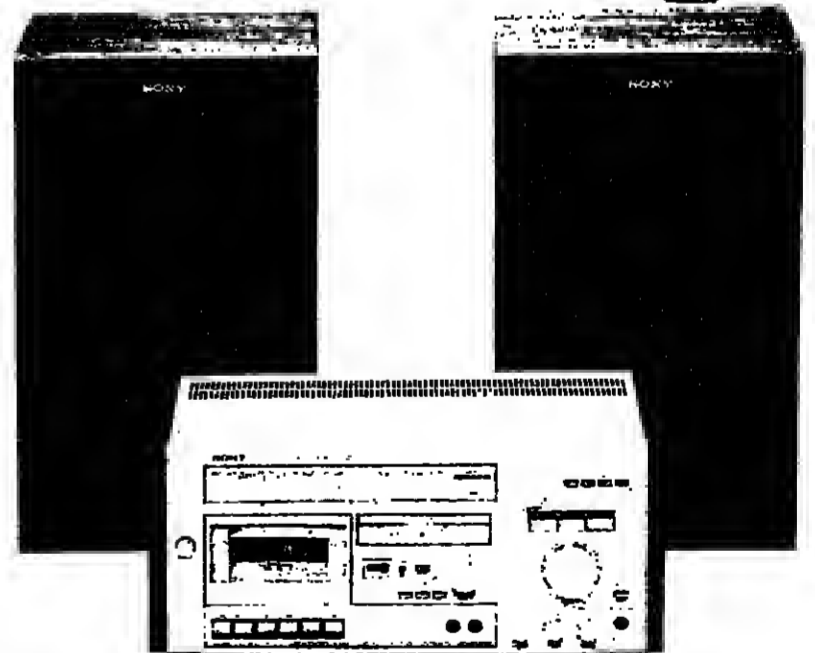
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## FRANCE AND ISRAEL

Both the French cabinet and the Secretariat General of the ruling Socialist Party have denounced Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights. The French prime minister also emphasized the point by refusing to meet Israel's deputy prime minister who is currently in Paris, on the ground of his visit being unofficial.

Jaques Chirac, the leader of the Gaullist opposition, demanded that the government carry its protest further: the forthcoming visit to Israel by President Mitterrand, he said, has to be canceled, otherwise France would appear to have acquiesced in Israel's act of international piracy.

In Israel itself, the impression given is still that of a new, more friendly French policy. Despite denials by French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson of revived military cooperation between the two countries, Israeli press reports speak of two coming visits to Tel Aviv by the French chief of staff. Those same press reports claim also that France is still helping to persuade African countries to resume diplomatic ties with Tel Aviv.

The ambiguity of the French stand has been compounded by silence from the Elysee over Mitterrand's proposed visit. Most observers think that the French president will make up his mind regarding it only at the beginning of the new year, after the U.N. Security Council has completed its deliberations over the Golan issue.

## Saudi Arabian press review

Monday's newspapers commented on the signing of the security cooperation accord between Saudi Arabia and Bahrain to counter plots against the stability and peace of the Gulf region.

Okaz said: "It has now become impossible to keep silent on the destructive policies pursued by Khomeini and his gang and their mad adventures in the Gulf region. Iran is now a country of bloodshed, disorder and chaos. Evidence of the direct involvement of the Iranian regime in the aborted plot in Bahrain clearly points to the Khomeini regime's evil designs against the Gulf states. The Iranian attempt is aimed at creating disorder and fomenting troubles in the Gulf states, which are applying the Islamic Sharia and Prophet Muhammad's teachings as their way of life."

The paper called on the Iranian regime to correct its path and to have mercy on the innocent Iranian people who are being killed daily.

The paper reminded Khomeini and his gang that their actions are un-Islamic and a disgrace to the basic norms of the humanity.

Dealing with the same subject, Al Riyadh said the discovery of the Iranian plot to foment trouble in Bahrain has underlined the importance of formulating joint and integrated measures in the Gulf to counter possible new plots in the future and the Iranian regime's collaboration with the Zionist enemy.

long as there are coherence, integration and cooperation among the Gulf states and their leaders," Al Riyadh said.

Al-Yom said the idea of reaching a Saudi-Bahraini security cooperation pact came into being with the formation of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) but the latest political development has accelerated the necessity of putting the plan into practical effect. "The agreement was an essential requirement of the hour so as to protect the stability and welfare of the Gulf citizens," it said.

The paper described the accord as a collective action, since the stability of Bahrain could not be separated from the other Gulf states. The paper urged the GCC to adopt a pioneering step for preserving the people's peace and security.

Al-Jazrah billed the security accord as "step forward for seeking effective cooperation and integrating the potentials and resources of the Gulf states to deter any future plot engineered by the Khomeini regime with the aim of fomenting disorder or troubles in the Arabian Gulf."

The paper supported Prince Naif's call to the GCC for formulating urgent measures for increasing security cooperation among all the Gulf states "to face the challenges and plots of the enemies, on top of them is Khomeini and his gang."

Dealing with the same subject, Al-Nadwa said the Arabs hoped Iran will cooperate with the Arab nation in countering the dangerous designs of the Zionist enemy. "It is now regrettable to find Iran collaborating with Israel and trying to stab the Arabs in the back," the paper said. (SFA)

## Why Polish Army stepped in

By Mark Frankland

LONDON — The Poles have again made history in Eastern Europe. Faced with a demoralized and nearly powerless Communist Party on the one hand and the increasingly radical leadership of the free trade union Solidarity on the other, the Polish Army has stepped in to prevent the two from going at each other's throats.

No one who has followed the postwar history of East Europe could fail to be shocked by the opening words of Gen. Jaruzelski's speech declaring martial law last week. The general made no mention of his supposedly supreme power as leader of the Polish Communist Party. Instead he spoke, he underlined, "as a soldier, as the chief of the Polish government." Not a word about the party, about Marxism-Leninism, about the "historical" right to rule of Soviet-style socialism.

Instead the general spoke in terms that Poles have always understood: of the Polish state, its historical fragility and the need to preserve its independence, and of the army as the protector of that state. Jaruzelski did eventually mention the party as "the leading force" in society but hinted that it had to work hard and pick the right leaders if it was to become that force. There was no mention of party officials having a role in the state of emergency. Not the party, but the army, is to provide the "commissars" that will be attached to government offices throughout the country.

Poland was at an impasse before the army move. Solidarity had the popular support to justify a major share in power. The party's claim to power remained in the ultimate sanction of Soviet tanks. But the two proved impossible to reconcile. What this meant for Poland was spelt out in surprisingly frank terms two weeks ago by a senior party ideologist, the director of the Central Committee's Institute of Marxism-Leninism. Speaking to a club of Communist intellectuals in Cracow he said there were four ways out of Poland's crisis.

There could be a return to the bad old system of pre-August 1980; "the enemies of socialism" could take power; there could be a military government which would be acceptable "to a good number of Poles"; but the best and most likely was for the party to give up "its monopoly of power."

We now know the ideologist was wrong but he was certainly right to stress that the only political solution to the crisis lay in the party surrendering some of its power. Why didn't or couldn't it? One reason is that in recent months many party members became scared. They were increasingly isolated; their party committees were even being pushed out of factories. They probably felt that even their physical safety was in threat. Surrendering the absolute power they had always rapped themselves in must have seemed to many Polish Communists too great a risk to contemplate.

The most forceful party leaders, above all those with Moscow's ear, never seemed to think of power-sharing as more than window-dressing. One may speculate too that Moscow would not have liked a formal cut in the party's power: it would make nonsense of the dogma the Soviet system is based on.

It is easy to imagine the frustration this caused among the younger leaders of Solidarity who knew that they had the potential votes of so many Poles. It explains the growing talk among them of the need first for free local elections and then, two weeks ago the call by Solidarity's leadership for a national referendum leading to a provisional government and the holding of real national elections. This, of course, would have largely written the Communists off the political map of Poland.

Such a rash demand, which Solidarity carefully avoided making for the first year of its existence, reflected the collapse of the party as a politically credible force, as a force that had earned a permanent place for itself in the Polish tradition.

By ordering the army to take command Jaruzelski has sidestepped both the problem of a supposedly ruling party with no popular mandate to rule and a popular movement that could have won the Polish vote but never the acceptance of Moscow.

By interning Gierek and other unpopular figures of the old regime he has warned the party as well as Solidarity. He has laid the grounds for a deal between the moderates in both Solidarity and the party that the church might be persuaded to bless. But to do this he had risked the prestige of the army, the one institution apart from the Roman Catholic Church that still has the respect of most Poles.

It is still too early to say whether the general will succeed. If he does not, there is worse to come in Poland. (ONS)

## U.K. bows to U.S. Coast Guards

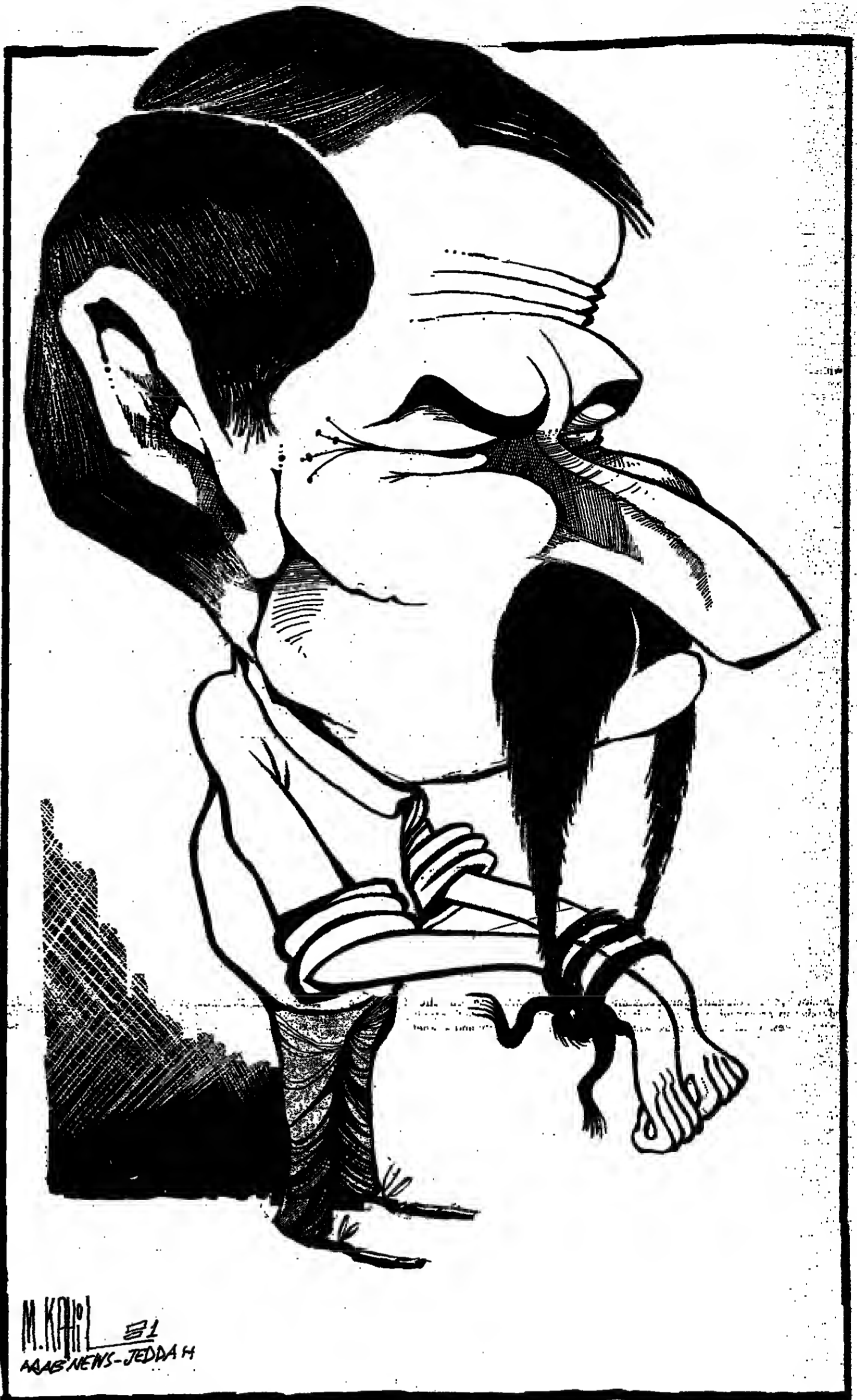
By Hugh O'Shaughnessy

LONDON — After two years of agonizing negotiations Britain has nervously agreed to a major shift in international law and is to allow the U.S. authorities to board ships on the high seas flying the British flag. A century ago such action at sea would have sparked off a war and indeed very often did.

The agreement, which was signed in London earlier this month, comes after intense pressure from Washington for greater powers to enable it to fight the multibillion pound traffic in narcotics from South America and the Caribbean to the U.S.

From now on U.S. Coast Guards will be able to stop search and bring into U.S. port British ships which they have firm reason to believe are carrying drugs. The area where these concessions have been granted by Whitehall comprises the Gulf of Mexico, the Caribbean and a strip of water up to 150 miles off the east coast of the United States up to Maine.

Hitherto British flag vessels have been free in international waters so that when U.S. drug hunters thought they had a smuggler's boat in their sights which happened to be flying the red ensign they had to get official clearance to board from a British consul in the States.



## Can bloodshed be averted in Poland?

By Neal Ascherson

LONDON — As the shape of the terrible struggle in Poland slowly emerges from scraps of news and travelers' tales, it is the calculation of physical force which must first be made. Some, at least, of the Solidarity workers are holding out in their factories and defying the military coup d'etat. Can they win — or, more important, can they be dislodged by the troops and police besieging them without the use of firearms and the shedding of blood?

Gen. Jaruzelski's personal record (he refused to authorize the army to fire on Polish strikers in 1970), the tone of his historic speech last week and the weight of Polish tradition all mean that the Military Council of National Salvation will not shoot if it can be avoided. Just possibly, the security forces could storm the factories by battering the workers with clubs, gassing them and hosing them with icy water. There would be injuries but with luck no deaths. But the troops now ready to attack carry their weapons, and there have already been reports of gunfire heard in Warsaw and Gdansk.

It is the big factories which count. This is where Solidarity's real strength lay. The Baltic shipyards, the Silesian coal mines, the four mammoth steel works and about a score of the largest engineering works will decide whether the coup succeeds in the short term or is halted in deadlock.

The reserve Solidarity leaders clearly hope that resolute resistance, daring the army and police to shed blood, may in the end crumble the confidence and authority of the junta. There are a few precedents in European history. The Kapp Putsch in Germany in 1920, a seizure of power by fanatical officers, was rapidly defeated by a general strike.

But the Polish coup is looking more vigorous and total than Gen. Jaruzelski's appeal to the nation at first suggested. He declared that this was "not a military putsch, not a military dictatorship". But all human activity beyond going to work, standing in queues and praying seems to have been banned. When the railwaymen and miners have been conscripted, so that in theory disobedience is treated as

mutiny, when any adult can be imprisoned on mere suspicion of "anti-state activity", when well-known regime journalists stride about in military uniform, it is Latin America rather than Europe that one thinks of.

According to the Military Council, parliament and the trade unions are only "suspended". What is left of a union whose leaders are under arrest, whose activity is forbidden and whose offices and files have been confiscated, is hard to see. But the Communists too, the Polish United Workers' Party, have been pushed off-stage. Apart from Jaruzelski, who is party leader as well as prime minister and minister of defense, none of the leaders of the PUWP have spoken publicly since the coup took place.

This is very significant. And it fits with Jaruzelski's startling decision to arrest dozens of prominent party leaders from the period before August 1980, including Edward Gierek, then party leader, and Edward Babuch, his last prime minister. It is to do with the unappealing word "Kadarization", a word used with longing by tougher figures in the party in recent months. Janos Kadar was the Communist politician who joined the 1956 Hungarian revolution, then went over to the Soviet camp and now rules his country with a fair degree of popularity and success.

The Polish military leaders may be trying to "save socialism" in that sense. As in Hungary, first there is the explosion of force, followed by a period of ruthless repression. The Communist Party itself might be dissolved, as it was in Hungary in 1956, and replaced by a new party led by selected figures not tarnished by the past. Just as Jaruzelski has promised that Poland will never go back to the disastrous ruling style of the 1970s. The PUWP has failed, blatantly, in its historical task, just as the Hungarian Communist Party failed.

Gradually — so runs the "Kadarization" theory — discipline can be relaxed until the nation is set on a course of radical but controlled reforms. The party keeps the monopoly of political power, but the citizens are allowed enough personal freedom to satisfy them. That is Hungary today. Much in

Jaruzelski's speeches and actions suggests that he hopes it could be Poland tomorrow. But he will be faced with resistance. Even if the strikes can be broken and the population crushed into obedience, there is little doubt that Solidarity can survive as an underground network, organizing clandestine groups and meetings and distributing leaflets. The whole Polish younger generation would be ready to help in that struggle, which is the tradition of resistance so skillfully practiced by Poles through the centuries.

Armed resistance is highly unlikely. A few credulous boys and girls are said to have received weapon training in the forests from the Confederation of Independent Poland, an ultra-nationalist movement. But they amount to little.

Jaruzelski does not have all the time in the world. Every day that passes, while the workers hold out, reduce the credibility of the coup. This deeply patriotic man knows that the price of bloodshed will be his entry into the black museum of Polish history, where stand for ever those who betrayed or did violence to their own nation. Yet he may decide that he must pay that price or surrender.

The slender hope is that Lech Walesa, still in the junta's hands, may be allowed to find a compromise which would allow the armed forces to end this tragedy with honor — and before its final act. (ONS)

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Livelihood threatened

Whalers claim their prey is plentiful, rules called unwarranted, prejudiced

By Richard Bill

TOKYO (AP) — Braving the Antarctic's bone-chilling temperatures, a Japanese harpoon gunner waits patiently for a whale to surface for air. A harpoon — swift and accurate — tears into the creature, holding it fast. Electric probes are fastened over the writhing mammal's heart, and a powerful jolt finishes it off.

The operation, from the time the harpoon is fired to the final agonizing death throes, lasts three minutes, 21 seconds on average. Within an hour of the kill, the carcass has been winched up to the flensing deck of the factory ship, cut up and processed.

Nothing goes to waste. Even the skeleton is ground up for fertilizer. A whale's highly-prized ivory teeth are recycled into elaborate handicrafts.

Today, the Japanese whaling fleet remains the world's largest, but it no longer scans the ocean until its refrigerated decks are crunched with whale blubber.

Catches are strictly regulated by the International Whaling Commission (IWC), which sets each year to set global catch quotas for the IWC-member nations that still engage in whaling: Brazil, Chile, Iceland, Japan, South Korea, Norway, Peru, Spain and the Soviet Union.

Japan, long a target of conservatives who charge it has hunted some species to the brink of extinction, has resisted pressure to abandon the once-thriving industry. However, it acknowledges that anti-whaling movements, rising costs and global restrictions of catch are exacting their toll.

In its heyday during the 1960's, 15,000 people worked in the industry here. Now, there are fewer than 2,500 and Japan is down to just one mother ship operation. Faced with massive layoffs and plummeting profits, the six Japanese whaling concerns in 1976 merged under one roof, Nippon Kyodo Hogei, in a battle for survival.

"When I graduated from university in 1955 I was so proud to be selected as a member of the fleet. In those days whaling was Japan's most prestigious industry," said Chuzichi Ohmura, vice secretary of the Japan Whaling Association. "We are accused of unnecessary slaughter, but we Japanese hunt whales only for food — and stocks are more than abundant."

"The countries that accuse us, such as the United States and Britain, have a long tradition of whaling. They've stopped now, but they ignore the fact that they hunted whales — not for food — but for oil and other commercial reasons. I just don't understand that logic," said Ohmura in an interview.

Ironically, one of the nations most committed today to preservation of whales is the United States, which in the peak whaling years between 1820 and 1860, plied the Pacific, and according to the IWA, decimated whaling stocks. It was through the U.S. connection (American whalers sought ports for their ships), that Japan emerged from three centuries of self-imposed isolation.

It also was the United States that encouraged Japan to resume whaling after World War II, when Gen. Douglas MacArthur, commander of the allied occupation forces, saw it as a means of helping fend off starvation in the defeated, land-poor nation.

Ohmura also views with skepticism the intentions of the Brighton, England based IWC. Of 34 nations in the organization, only nine still roam the high seas for whales. Some

unlikely countries are members — Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Oman, St. Lucia, India, Egypt and Switzerland.

"The anti-whaling advocates enlist any country they can. But what right do they have to decide another nation's fate? Besides, they have nothing to lose if a worldwide moratorium is passed. We do," Ohmura said.

The Japan whaling industry's decline perhaps is best illustrated in the coastal town of Taiji. This cradle of old-fashioned whaling on Japan's southwest coast is seeking to restore its fading heritage before it vanishes without a trace.

Whaling at Taiji dates back 700 years. In the late 19th century, it was the world's largest fishery base. Now, it is trying to develop a tourist industry, with a museum and other attractions to promote its image as a "whaling town."

Traditional whale meat dishes are promoted to lure visitors, but because of insufficient supply, the town must bring in whale meat from outside. Many Taiji men still hunt in coastal waters — mainly for pilot whales and dolphins — but few families can afford the 5,000 yen (\$22) supermarket price for whale steak or dolphin entrails, considered local delicacies.

This year, Japan is permitted by the IWC to harvest 3,577 minke whales in the Antarctic, 501 brydes whales in coastal waters, and 1,678 minke whales in coastal waters for a five-year period ending in 1984; with no more than 421 in any year. Sperm whale quotas will be fixed at the IWC spring meeting. Last year Japan was allowed 890.

In 1980, the last year for which figures are available, Japanese whalers took 19,000 tons of whale meat. In addition, Japan imported 25,000 tons from the Soviet Union, Iceland, Spain, Peru, Chile, Brazil, Norway and South Korea, the JWA said. The entire Soviet and Icelandic catches were bought by Japan. A breakdown of imports from the other countries was not available.

Contrary to a JWA assertion that whale meat is an "indispensable part of the Japanese diet," annual per capita consumption is only a meager 700 grams (24.5 oz). Most urban Japanese disdain whalemeat. In coastal communities in Kyushu and Hokkaido which consume more, aficionados claim the meat is more "oishi," or delicious, than prime cuts of beef.

Should Iceland and the Soviet Union hold back whale meat supplies to Japan, there is no doubt it could injure the industry. "Yes, it would hurt us very much... we'd be forced to look for new areas of supply," said Ohmura. But he dismisses any notion that the industry would collapse.

Although Japan has been accused of endangering whale stocks, Ohmura said the government spends the equivalent of \$2.2 million a year on scientific research and "we have proved conclusively that there is an abundant supply in the oceans."

He also argues that Japan, more than any other nation, has a bigger stake in preserving stocks — since extinction would mean an end to an industry that has its roots in ancient history.

Efficiency of mud homes is promoted in France

By Paul Webster

PARIS, (ONS) — Forty French families will move into mud houses next spring. Their new homes, conventional in appearance, are intended to restore the waning role of packed-earth buildings, which have a 10,000-year tradition dating back in Jericho.

The experiment in the new town of L'Isle-d'Abeau, between Grenoble and Lyons, is the practical side of an exhibition of earth architecture in Paris whose impact will be worldwide. It is already booked for a five-year tour of both the industrialized and Third Worlds.

The organizer, Jean Dethier, recently went to judge the entries of nearly 30 architects for the new town project, whose aim is to prove that mud is a cheap and practical alternative to concrete and brick.

The exhibition in the futuristic Pompidou-Beaubourg Center is intended to stress the durability and aesthetic attraction of mud buildings, whose most immediate appeal is their energy-saving quality.

"Raw earth is the anti-capitalist material par excellence," Dethier said. The best-known mud-building concepts are pise and adobe. Pise is earth compressed between frames while adobe is mud brick. Both dry naturally, can be dug for nothing on the site and, because of the thickness of the walls, cut down on the need for heating and air conditioning.

The exhibition not only demonstrates new techniques to stabilize mud through the addition of tiny quantities of cement or lime, but offers proof that dried mud can be as permanent as brick or cement.

The most colorful and daring exhibits come from the Third World countries, mainly Arab, but Europe too has a long tradition of earth architecture. Fifteen percent of French rural buildings are mud, as well as large areas of cities such as Lyons and Toulouse.

Ruth Eaton, historical researcher for the exhibition, said there had been regular attempts to revive the use of mud architecture in Europe, often during periods of austerity. The most successful was after the French Revolution, when Francois Coignet produced a world best-seller on how to build mud-walled houses. The book influenced the whole of Europe and started a boom in mud-building in Australia.

Le Corbusier and Frank Lloyd Wright both designed mud projects, while more recently



PERFECT BLEND: Kesari the cub is from a mother who is a rare white tiger called Mohini Rewa, and an orange father named Samson. The cub turned out to be a perfect blend of the two parents. Officials at the Washington Zoo are quite happy about the cub, saying it will grow up to be a well-adjusted animal.

Man-made bugs eat man-made pollutants

By Joyce Egginton

NEW YORK-Genetic engineers in the United States are developing new strains of bacteria which will gobble up toxic pesticides in contaminated soil. Early experiments have already produced bacteria which eat 2-4-5-T, a causing herbicide, herbicide, and research may soon be under way by two American chemical companies to develop this as a commercial product.

The bacterium is the result of more than two years of work by a team of microbiologists at the University of Illinois Medical Center, headed by Professor Ananda Chakrabarty.

The professor predicted it can be cheaply produced on a mass scale, and envisages a time when the world's worst toxic waste dumps and contaminated farmland will be cleaned by armies of man-made bacteria. In addition to the strain which will eliminate 2-4-5-T, Chakrabarty feels he can develop microbes which will eat such ubiquitous toxic chemicals as PCB and DDT.

"The genetic technology exists," he says. "It is just a matter of adapting it for different chemicals. Right now we are developing bugs which will eat up PCB. We have already produced some which will eliminate those PCBs which are fairly low in chlorine, and now we are modifying them for the more highly chlorinated PCBs."

This is a different technology from the recently developed chemical process for destroying PCB in contaminated engine oils by breaking down the substance into its basic elements.

Chakrabarty's "bugs" leave almost nothing but air and water, while destroying about 98 percent of the 2-4-5-T. "They are very tiny and it is easy to grow huge quantities of them," he said. "We would use 10 million microbes per gram of soil, but even 10 million do not add up to the size of a granule of sugar."

In initial experiments they will be used on some of the 4,000 toxic waste dumps across the United States, many of which pose serious threats to local water supplies. It is not yet certain whether the bacteria will also eat up dioxin, a common and highly toxic contaminant of 2-4-5-T, but Chakrabarty is not seriously concerned about this. If the dioxin remains, he says, other genetically engineered bacteria can be produced to eliminate it.

Anti-cancer properties of seaweed are studied

TAIWAN — The practical values of seaweed are being studied here by scientists at the National Taiwan University Research Center. Initial test results show that seaweed may possess antiseptic and anti-cancer properties.

The NTU's chemistry department has already obtained preliminary results in its research into the properties of seaweed in a chemistry laboratory where a bespectacled young graduate student and a white-haired graduate assistant are engrossed in their experiments.

In 1978, the University of Guam, in cooperation with Institute of Oceanography of NTU professors Chiang Yung-mien and Cheng Ying-min, initiated a comparative study on the terrain and marine life under the sea around Guam and Taiwan.

Funding for this international joint research was approved by both the executive Yuan National Science Council and the National Science Foundation. Studies into the practical value of seaweed and analysis of its chemical composition are by professors Chiang and Cheng, along with professor Chen Fa-ching.

"Seaweed is a familiar form of plant life, but what exactly is it? How can it be used? Why would scholars want to conduct experiments on it?" asks professor Chiang.

"Algae is an all-embracing term for the lowest order of plant life. There are both one-celled and multi-celled algae. They have no roots, stems, leaves or flowers. They are all around us: in the air, on tree trunks, in flower pots, ponds even in the bodies of animals and plants. Algae can live wherever there is moisture.

Seaweed has valuable food content of carbohydrates, proteins, numerous minerals and vitamins. Apart from the food value, many kinds of seaweed are rich in gelatin and can be used to make industrial glue. Seaweed has also been used in Europe in make fertilizer and animal fodder.

The NTU Chemistry Department has been conducting studies on seaweed since 1978. At first, the 40 varieties obtained were refined for germicidal and antiviral experiments. The results were not conclusive since only two or three kinds of seaweed were found to be effective.

The research team has been meticulously narrowing down the varieties of seaweed which are efficient.



NATURAL FORM: Shows here are two individual types of seaweed.

Divers, time are at odds to save rare British ship

By Guy Dinmore

PORTSMOUTH, England (R) — As squalls warn of coming winter gales, divers are working against time to raise England's first recorded man-of-war from a grave of mud off this naval harbor where it has lain for more than 400 years.

Perhaps the scene would be of some consolation to King Henry the Eighth, who in 1545 watched the *Mary Rose*, the flower of his navy, keel over and sink as it set off to confront a French fleet which was harassing the south coast of England. Only a few of its 708 crew survived.

After 12 years of diving, archeologists hope to have the *Mary Rose* raised in one piece and housed in a museum by next summer, but as hundreds of tons of protective mud are removed, the ship's condition grows more critical.

Four million sterling (\$7.6 million) has been raised for the project because the *Mary Rose* shelters a time capsule of Tudor life.

"There's a microcosm of life down there, from the slums of the sailors to the splendid quarters of the officers," according to Margaret Rule, the project's archeological director.

Even a supper of fish and peas, which the crew never tasted, has been preserved by an air-tight cover of silt.

Because of harsh winter weather, diving is about to be suspended until next February. In the meantime the shell of the *Mary Rose* lies at the mercy of the elements.

"The more she's exposed, the more she becomes colonized by sea-life. The eels and lobsters move in," a project spokesman said.

One of the latest dives successfully raised two giant guns to the barge permanently moored above the wreck. One of iron, the other cast in bronze, each of them weights about two tons.

Archeologists immediately set to work, hosing down the bronze cannon and lovingly chipping away the encrusted silt. A circle of angels embracing the barrel was revealed.

Shouting with excitement through the rain, Mrs. Rule said: "They're as if they went down on the seabed yesterday."

A naval historian working on the project explained that the *Mary Rose* was England's first recorded "man-of-war" — purpose-built to include decks of heavy cannon for firing broadsides. It marked a turning point in naval design from ships whose crews had used bows and arrows.

Few of the 700 sailors lived to tell how the ship sank. French accounts claimed it was hit by French fire, but archeologists believe King Henry ordered an extra 300 men on board. Top heavy, it heeled over in a gust of wind and water gushed in through the gunports.

Most of the sailors were trapped by anti-boarding netting hung over the decks, and the remains of hundreds of skeletons have been found by divers as they sifted through the silt.

Most of the ship's contents have been retrieved and they are now being treated on shore to prevent deterioration. Wooden bowls the sailors ate from, their leather clothes, and the weapons they fought with, even a strange kind of square-barrelled shotgun, have been recovered.

The cabin of the barber-surgeon revealed some of the medical horrors of the times such as amputation knives, syringes and bleeding bowls.

Accounts surviving from 1513 show that 16th Century English mariners were paid five shillings (50 cents) a month.

Since 1979, individuals and companies have donated two million sterling (\$3.8 million) to the *Mary Rose* Trust. Another two million sterling is needed for the ship to be recovered next year.

Fund-raising director Ian Dahl said additional funds must be found since the ship will probably break up if it is not raised next year, a foundation set up in the United States by Dahl, is aiming at raising one million dollars.

The final plan is to build a "living museum" of the *Mary Rose* where people can experience Tudor life themselves. "It will have its academic base, but will be a living, exciting adventure," Dahl said.

"History in schools is too much of kings and battles," Mrs. Rule said of her ambition to pull archeology away from its image of skeletons and glass cases to a vivid portrayal of life four centuries ago.



TAIWAN SHORE: Researchers are shown here collecting samples of different types of seaweed to take back to the university for tests.

Fraud, embezzlement revealed

Execution leveled in Romanian case

By Tom Heneghan

BUCHAREST (R) — Romania has begun a tough crackdown on fraud and embezzlement scandals. Gheorghe Stefanescu, a Bucharest merchant, faces execution for amassing huge profits from sales of adulterated products he obtained illegally.

Virgil Trofin, once considered a rising star in Romania's Communist Party, is now close to political death after a coal mining complex under his authority was exposed as a hotbed of fraud, waste and false plan fulfillment reporting.

Two local officials — the Miltenia mining complex director and the local party leader — were sacked with severe reprimands, which all but put an end to their careers.

President Nicolae Ceausescu has issued a decree threatening prison terms of up to five years for people hoarding food. Posters with the text of the decree are pasted up in Bucharest shops and markets where food supplies are now scarce.

This tougher line is emerging against a backdrop of rationing for bread, sugar and cooking oil, further belt-tightening in most sectors of the economy and persistent rumors of unruly protests in the countryside against falling living standards.

Western diplomats here say the new concern about scandals could be an attempt to divert popular attention from the deteriorating economy, especially at a time when Poland has uncovered several skeletons in the closets of the party and government hierarchies.

Since food, money and other goods are short, the state could at least be seen to be firm with citizens who take more than their share or officials who embezzle or waste the public property entrusted to them, they said.

The punishments, as President Ceausescu himself declared, should also be a warning to other officials that mismanagement and fraud would no longer be tolerated.

American architects like William Lumpkins have helped a revival of adobe in New Mexico. Ronald Reagan is among those attracted by molded mud.

The most important aspect of the exhibition is to "sell" mud architecture back to the Third World, where there has been a swing to Western materials. The exhibition catalog was given to every delegate at the recent French-African summit in Paris by the French government, which is helping to sponsor the show, staged by the Center for Industrial Creation.

Imported building materials absorb 3.6 percent of the gross domestic product of African countries — a third more than seven years ago — as the demand increases for concrete and brick buildings, even from poor people.

Indira Gandhi is said to be among the first "return to the earth" converts. The renewed interest in earth architecture was started by an Egyptian architect, Hassan Fathy, whose post-war mud-housing projects were despised by the Egyptian but wholeheartedly welcomed in the United States.

As the exhibition organizers press their case for mud as a "democratic, antibureaucratic and decentralized material" like the sun, they are also revelling in a certain irony.

While pointing to mud constructions ranging from the Great Wall of China to Scandinavian houses that thrive in all weathers, they cast a wary eye on the steel-structured Ploimpu Center. After five years, Europe's greatest experiment in contemporary architecture is suffering from a very bad case of rust.

By far the most chilling warning was the death sentence for Stefanescu, a decision upheld by the supreme court last week after being pronounced in private some time after the fraud was uncovered in September 1978 and then appealed.

The merchant was accused of earning 3.7 million lei (\$336,000) by charging inflated prices for doctored products illegally obtained from producers working with his crime network, the Communist Party daily *Scinteia* reported.

This swindle, which cost the state 13 million lei (\$1.18 million) in all, enabled Stefanescu to acquire property, jewelry, money and other goods now worth about 8.7 million lei (\$790,000). *Scinteia* said in its unusually frank report. *Scinteia* did not reveal how many accomplices Stefanescu had in his swindle.

Although less drastic than Stefanescu's fate, the fall of Virgil Trofin — once considered powerful enough to rival Ceausescu — and two local officials was another stiff warning against corruption.

All three — Trofin, Oltenia mining complex Director Vasile Ogherlaci and local party leader Nicolae Gavrilescu — were held responsible for scandals at the Oltenia Mines in southern Romania.

The mines last year reported a daily coal output 25,000 to 35,000 tons higher than actually produced, a central committee report said.

Large amounts of the coal that was dug deteriorated through improper storage. Power stations complained that Oltenia delivered low quality coal mixed with rocks.

Trofin, who in September lost his posts as deputy prime minister and minister of mining, oil and geology, was thrown out of the party's central committee with a severe reprimand. "He's as good as finished," one Western diplomat said.

Ogherlaci was also dismissed from the Central Committee with a severe reprimand,

while Gavrilescu lost his post as party leader in Gori County.

Western diplomats said the sackings might also be connected to unrest among miners which persistent but unconfirmed rumors say broke out in the Jiu Valley coal mining center in mid-October to protest against bread rationing.

The diplomats blamed unrealistically high plan targets combined with insufficient equipment and investment as the main reasons for the corner-cutting bribery and swindling revealed in the latest wave of scandal revelations.

"Managers cut corners to fulfil the plan because the pressures are high and the technology is low," one diplomat said, "and there are penalties if you don't fulfil the plan."

Press reports on the swindle and the Oltenia Mine scandal did not go into further detail about how the cheating worked, but reports on smaller scandals earlier this year revealed examples of fraud, extortion and misuse of power in several sectors of the economy.

The managers in question all lost their jobs but their punishments were not as severe as those now being meted out. Stelian Stancu, head of a civil engineering unit in Western Romania, squeezed bribes out of his subordinates and forced them to do private work for him, the party daily *Scinteia* said.

Mine Director Emilian Mataca raked off hundreds of thousands of lei by juggling coal output figures and claiming compensation for accidents that never occurred.

At the chemical building trust in the northwestern city of Cluj, director Ion Gavozdea illegally made special payments to 17 employees, favored relatives working for him and quashed all criticism of his acts, *Scinteia* said. Only an investigation ordered by the president's powerful wife, Elena, produced the charges, after previous secret inquiries failed to uncover any wrongdoing.

Near Indian launch point

Balloonists land after takeoff

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21 (AP) — American balloonists Maxie Anderson and Don Ida took off in the helium-filled balloon Jules Verne early Monday in a second attempt to complete a round-the-world flight, but went down near their launch point at Jaipur in central India about two hours later, aides reported.

spokesman at Bedford Weather Services, in Bedford, Massachusetts, which was tracking the balloon electronically, confirmed that "both pilots are OK and everything is OK."

takeoff point at Jaipur in central India. "We have no idea of why it came down," Beimer said. "We won't find out for a while. We won't be able to talk to the pilots for a day or so. Wherever it is, it's got to be more remote than Jaipur was."

Emerges after 140 days

American sets burial record

KILLEEN, Texas, Dec. 21 (AP) — "Country Bill" White, a country-western (folk songs) singer when he's not in a coffin, has claimed a world record for being buried 140 days underground in a plywood box.

"all over the world" on telephones that were buried with him. Friends above ground lowered him food in containers through ventilation shafts.

Low-paid Reagan aide to quit administration WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AFP) — Michael Deaver, one of President Ronald Reagan's three leading White House aides, said Monday he will leave the administration at the end of 1982 because his \$60,662 annual salary was not enough to meet his family's needs.

White was buried July 31 in a box measuring 3 feet by 3 feet by 6 feet, set beneath the National Hall, a country-western nightclub. He emerged Saturday night.

White said he started his subterranean stints in 1964 after he saw "Gigger O'Dell," whose real name is Herbert O'Dell Smith, go underground in Texas.

Deaver has been termed the one aide who was most objective of Reagan's schedule and reputation. During the scandals involving National Security Adviser Richard Allen and Budget Director David Stockman, Deaver said both should be replaced because of the embarrassment they had caused the president.

Hunter's film may show dinosaur

LOS ANGELES, California Dec. 21 (AP) — A dinosaur hunter who led an expedition to Africa in search of a living dinosaur has photographs that "possibly" show the creature, but the film hasn't been developed yet, a spokesman says.

Registers, 47, left for the Congo in September. He spent several weeks in its capital city of Brazzaville before taking his party about 500 miles farther into the jungle to the Lake Tele area, where he said most of the sightings of the creature called "mokele-mbembe" have been reported.

MiG 'crashes' in India

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21 (AFP) — A spy plane supplied to the Indian Air Force by the Soviet Union crashed recently at an Indian air base, according to the popular fortnightly India Today.

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On Cambodia

# ASEAN bid to seek support from China

PEKING, Dec. 21 (AFP) — Thailand's Deputy Foreign Minister Arun Bhanuphong arrived here Monday for a visit in which he is expected to seek Chinese support for an ASEAN proposal to resolve the Cambodian problem. In addition, Arun is scheduled to sign a Sino-Thai protocol accord on bilateral technical and scientific cooperation.

The ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) proposal calls for a loose coalition of three anti-Vietnamese Cambodian factions—the Khmer Rouge forces backing former chief of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk and supporters of former Premier Son Sann.

Arun's visit to China follows a meeting of ASEAN foreign ministers, which endorsed the Cambodian coalition proposal. China provides military assistance to the Khmer

Rouge, who retain the Cambodian seat in the United Nations.

(Khmer Rouge radio, monitored in Bangkok, Monday renewed its criticism of the plan, saying such a coalition would be unable to defend "the legitimacy of Democratic Kampuchea" — the Khmer Rouge regime ousted from Phnom Penh in January 1979 following Vietnamese intervention.

(The radio, which broadcasts from southern China, also said the coalition would not improve "the fighting capacity against the Vietnamese expansionists.")

ASEAN — Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and the Philippines — called for each of the three anti-Vietnamese factions to retain its own identity within the proposed loose coalition.

### After coup attempt

## Dominica clamps emergency

ROSEAU, Dominica, Dec. 21 (AP) — This small island nation in the eastern Caribbean has announced a state of emergency and imposed press censorship following an unsuccessful coup attempt in which three men were killed and 10 injured.

President Auertius Marie declared the state of emergency in a broadcast over the government radio late Saturday night. Earlier in the day, armed and masked men staged simultaneous attacks on the island's police headquarters and central prison.

The state of emergency gives authorities wide powers of search and arrest and control over citizens' travel within and outside the country. Journalists were told all news stories would be subject to censorship.

A police spokesman told the Associated Press in San Juan, Puerto Rico, that authorities had the situation "under control". The spokesman said no arrests had been

made since Saturday, when three former members of the island's now-disbanded defense force were taken into custody.

Authorities said Saturday that Police Commissioner Oliver Phillip was among nine policemen injured in an early morning shootout at the police headquarters compound. One officer was killed, they said.

At the same time, another group tried to enter the prison where former Prime Minister Patrick John and three members of his Dominican Labor Party are being held on conspiracy charges in connection with a previous coup attempt, police said.

The government said Saturday it appeared the attacks were an attempt to follow through on a plot laid earlier this year by Michael Perdue, the leader of a group mercenaries who planned to invade this Caribbean nation put John back in power.

## Floods wreak havoc in France

PARIS, Dec. 21 (AP) — Floods across France have forced evacuations, closed roads, killed thousands of livestock and destroyed millions of dollars of crops and agricultural equipment in eight days of heavy rains, officials said.

In Paris, the level of the Seine River was reported 2 meters (6 feet) above normal Sunday. The rising water forced the evacuation of families living in house boats along the Seine and closed Paris' cross city river bank expressways.

In Chalon-Sur-Saone 180 miles southeast of Paris, officials prepared to evacuate Sunday certain patients from a hospital along the banks of the Saone.

About 100 persons and 200 head of livestock have been evacuated from the Chalon region since Friday. Officials said Sunday if the river rose by about another foot, all pumping operations would be useless.

Around Bordeaux near the Atlantic coast, authorities said thousands of cattle, pigs, goats and chicken have drowned since the Garonne and the Lot Rivers began flooding last week.

Farmers in the Bordeaux region, badly hit by flood in 1930 and 1952, also reported destroyed fields of tomatoes, cereal, strawberries and tobacco.

## 2 top politicians warn Zimbabwean officials

SALISBURY, Dec. 21 (AFP) — Two top politicians have warned officials in government and the ruling party to work more directly with the rank-and-file, implicitly recognizing that some distance has grown between leaders and followers since Zimbabwe acceded to majority rule 19 months ago.

Deputy Prime Minister Simon Muzenda, who is also vice president of the Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU), charged Sunday that some party officials are corrupt and do not listen to the people.

"There has been a tendency among party officials to be above the people," Muzenda said at the opening of a new ZANU branch in central Zimbabwe. "Let me remind you that the party is the people — without the people there would be no party and we would not be gathered here."

The speaker of the house of assembly, Didymus Mutasa, made a similar criticism of leaders last week when he told government ministers, most of whom are ZANU members, to come down from their "ivory towers" and become directly involved with the people in development projects. Mutasa denounced

party and government officials who, he said, talked of the need to work and then expected other people to carry out that work.

Muzenda, who is acting head of government in the absence of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe, also warned party members to guard against such officials in their midst. He said officials who showed a love of money, prestige and power were not really in solidarity with the people. He also warned ZANU members to be on the lookout for tribalism, nepotism and corruption.

Instead of such officials, Muzenda said, the people should select leaders who work to raise the standards of living of all through self-reliance projects. In conversations some ordinary people have complained recently that they have received short shrift from ZANU Party officials when they presented them with problems at work or protests about their living standards.

Following Friday's bombing of party headquarters in Salisbury, in which six persons were killed, one man recalled that the last time he had gone there with a complaint, he was abruptly told to "go tell it to Mugabe".

## Uranium thieves held in Windhoek

WINDHOEK, Dec. 21 (AFP) — Police here say they have arrested four men for stealing four kilos of uranium ore originating from Namibia's Rossing mine. Police chief Alan Collins, who did not reveal the men's identities, said they had probably smuggled the uranium oxide, or "yellow cake", out of the mine in very small quantities.

Commissioner Collins added that the radioactivity of the stolen ore was very slight and that was why it had escaped detection by Geiger-counter checks on mine staff. He also said that there was not, to his knowledge, any market for such small quantities of uranium ore and that he could not understand the thieves' motive.

Rossing mine, which is the largest uranium mine in this part of the world, is situated between here and the seaside town of Swakopmund.

Reddy to visit Sri Lanka

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21 (AFP) — Indian President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy will pay a five-day state visit to Sri Lanka from Feb. 3, it was announced here Monday. President Reddy was to have visited the island state last August, but the trip was postponed.

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# Bonn probes 80 building firms

FRANKFURT, Dec. 21 (R) — Frankfurt's underground railway, plagued by building contract scandals since it was started in 1963, is now at the center of the biggest investigation so far into alleged price-fixing.

The Hesse State Economics Ministry is investigating 80 West German building firms for the alleged rigging of contracts worth \$440 million. The serious problems facing the West German construction industry are likely to figure prominently in the background to the case, if it ever comes to court.

## Survey shows popularity of Reagan is down

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (AP) — The American public's confidence in the economy and opinion on president Reagan's performance remain near their lowest levels since he took office, according to the latest Associated Press-NBC news poll.

The nationwide poll, of 1,602 adults telephoned Dec. 14-15 in a scientific random sampling, said 48 percent think Reagan is doing a good or excellent job as president. Last month, the president's approval rating was at his lowest since it peaked at 63 percent last spring.

Reagan's performance rating for his handling of the economy was 36 percent in the latest poll. Last month, it was 35 percent, his lowest since it peaked at 52 percent last spring.

Despite the relatively low job ratings, 57 percent said they trust Reagan to do what is right just about always or most of the time. That compares with 58 percent last month when his trust rating dipped below 60 percent for the first time.

In regard to economic issues, 20 percent said they expect their families will be better off in the next year than they are today.

The 16-20 worse-better split is consistent with results from other AP/NBC news polls this fall, but a turnaround from last January when 29 percent said their family finances would improve and 14 percent said they would be worse off in the next year.

In the latest poll, 24 percent said the economy in general will get better in the next year, while 36 percent said it will get worse and the rest said either not sure or the same.

Investment analysts say the industry has been under severe pressure recently because of a lack of domestic orders caused by high German interest rates and public spending cuts. Companies have been relying on lucrative foreign orders, particularly in the Middle East to offset losses. Analysts say major firms have been forced to tender for domestic contracts at unrealistically low prices in an effort to secure business. One Frankfurt newspaper said industry experts believe contractors now consult each other and fix prices for half the major projects in West Germany to overcome this problem.

The Bonn-based Construction Industry Association would not comment on the latest investigation but it has been campaigning for a more open system of tendering for domestic contracts. Government and police officials who swooped last week on offices throughout the country were acting on a mass of potential evidence gathered from an existing court case, also concerning the Frankfurt Underground, according to local government sources.

The outcome of the earlier action, brought last year against 35 firms for similar alleged offences, is still pending. The state attorney office for Frankfurt and the Federal Cartel Office in Berlin have several van-loads of seized documents and will decide in the next few weeks whether there are grounds for bringing another court case, the sources said.

The investigation threatens planned improvements to the underground system. One city official said: "It is not only the reputation of firms which is now at stake but a lot of cash in future contracts."

Frankfurt has budgeted to spend just under \$440 million on improving the underground and suburban transport system between 1980 and 1985. The city of Frankfurt, State of Hesse and the Federal government have so far spent around \$1 billion on developing the underground railway.

The economics ministry, when bringing the existing court action, claimed that contract price-rigging inflated the cost of work on one new underground section to \$36.9 million from an estimated \$31.6 million. The latest investigation, announced by State Economics Minister Klaus-Juergen Hoffie, centers mainly on allegations of price-rigging on the Frankfurt Underground but it also includes the suburban railway and a limited number of other projects, the ministry said.

Among the firms visited in this week's investigation is the industry leader, Frankfurt-based Philipp Holzmann, a company spokesman said.

Hoffie said the investigation involves more than 100 tenders by public and private contractors for work on underground extensions. Firms can be fined up to \$440,000 with a maximum of three times the amount of extra profit made from an illegal tender. Local government sources say 18 firms have been fined a total of \$615,000 this year in other price-fixing cases. One local government official said the relatively small number showed the difficulty of proving cases of price-rigging.

## Iran, Iraq said planning to hike oil exports

NICOSIA, Dec. 21 (AP) — Iran and Iraq are taking steps to line up old and trusted customers for increased oil exports, an oil survey reported Monday.

The evidence is the Iranians are now energetically lobbying for customers, reported the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES). The oil survey said Iran told the OPEC ministerial meeting in Abu Dhabi earlier in the month it envisaged an export target of two million barrels per day in the coming year — roughly double the current level.

Iraq is also planning to increase its exports by 200,000-400,000 barrels per day from the present level of around 950,000 MEES said. This will start when the oil terminal at Tripoli, in Lebanon's Mediterranean coast, is reactivated in a few weeks' time, MEES added.

MEES said the spur line linking Tripoli to the Kirkuk (Iraq)-Banias (Syria) pipeline was tested successfully last week. MEES said the reactivation of the Tripoli terminal now awaits the decision of the Iraqi government.

Both Iran and Iraq were forced to reduce oil exports drastically because of the continuing war between them, now in its 15th month.

Before the war, Iran exported about six million barrels per day and Iraq about 3.5 million.

## Sick economy confronts new president of Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 21 (R) — Army commander Leopoldo Galtieri takes office as president of Argentina Tuesday amid a deepening economic crisis and mounting calls for a return to civilian rule.

Gen. Galtieri succeeds Gen. Roberto Viola, who was dismissed by the ruling three-man military junta Dec. 11 after his administration failed to find a cure for the country's chronic economic ills. Soaring inflation and unemployment have fueled public disenchantment with the military who have ruled Argentina since ousting the government of Maria Estelba Peron in 1976.

One of Gen. Galtieri's first moves has been to give the key economic portfolio to Dr. Roberto Alemann, a veteran of previous military governments, who is not regarded as a monetarist like his predecessors. Dr. Alemann is one of seven civilians in the new 11-man cabinet. Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Mendez is expected to end Argentina's flirtation with the nonaligned group of countries and to adopt a firmer pro-Western stance.

Gen. Galtieri, 55, will have considerably more power than his predecessor because he will remain commander of the most powerful branch of the armed forces. A staunch anti-Communist, he is known to be a strong supporter of President Reagan's Latin American policies. He played a major role in an anti-guerrilla campaign in the 1970s, in which thousands of people were reported to have disappeared.

The ruling junta is pledged to pave the way for a return to democracy, but there have been signs that the people are losing patience. Last week, at the first major political rally since the 1976 coup, five parties called for early general elections.

The parties issued a statement saying: "suffering has dramatically increased for a people whose anguish, uncertainty and misery are growing and who feel pressed and vented. The official facade is crumbling and the economy is ripe for looting."

The statement also expressed concern about the fate of those who have been missing since the crackdown on left-wing guerrillas.

## Exports show growth Industries in Hong Kong do well despite rivalry

HONG KONG, Dec. 21 (AFP) — Although hard pressed by strong competition from Asian countries, the majority of Hong Kong's export-oriented industries fared well in 1981.

The latest complete official statistics available showed that in the first three quarters of the year, \$9,666 million was earned from the export of products made in Hong Kong.

This was a 16 percent increase over the corresponding 1980 period — a rise which reflected export increases by all the major industries. For instance, textiles, including garments, grew by 19 percent to \$4,016 million while fast-climbing electronic products jumped 12 percent to \$1,111 million.

Exports to the United States, Hong Kong's largest market, rose by 24 percent. The United Kingdom, the second biggest market, took 13 percent more. However, exports to West Germany, the third largest buyer, declined by five percent, a fall that is attributed to the recession in Europe generally.

The strength or weakness of the various industrial sectors varied from one industry to another. The overall situation was summed up by the government's industry commissioner, Peter Tsao, in this way: "Generally speaking, 1981 was a year of short-term orders, narrow profit margins, high interest rates, and unstable wages and material costs. And many problems had to be solved. Fortunately, in spite of these difficulties, the foundation of our industry has remained intact."

He sees a brighter picture in 1982 because leading rates have declined considerably while stocks in major Hong Kong markets are

getting low. "Our industry should have a good chance of recovery in the coming year," Tsao said. "In fact," he added, "after 20 to 30 years of effort, our industry has come a long way from its primitive stage. Industry, together with other sectors, such as commerce, finance and transport, have created a sound economic structure. Individual lines of production have been automated to a great extent and we have a high-skilled, experienced labor force."

Moreover, Tsao said, Hong Kong has a rather comprehensive supporting and servicing enterprise network. In the electronic industry, products could now be assembled from locally-made parts with locally-made machinery without relying on overseas markets, he pointed out.

Commenting on competition from nearby Asian countries, Tsao said this was generally developing fast, with lower labor costs than those in Hong Kong whose competitiveness in international markets for some products had already been affected. He explained: "Our plastics industry has been forced to move up market, and clock and watch manufacturers can no longer rely on mechanical items. Our spinning and weaving industries, once pillars of Hong Kong's modern industry, cannot now afford to adjust to outside pressures. Those resistant to change may still survive but are unlikely to flourish."

Tsao said Hong Kong's weaknesses included limited land, lack of resources, soaring labor costs. "It is important to identify our strengths and weaknesses. Our industry aims at technology intensive development," he said.

## Abu Dhabi to hike oil production

NICOSIA, Dec. 21 (AP) — Dr. Mana Saeed Al-Otaiba, United Arab Emirates Oil Minister, was quoted as saying Monday Abu Dhabi plans to increase its oil production capacity to three million barrels per day by the end of 1985.

But production would not necessarily be increased to the maximum capacity level. Dr. Otaiba was quoted as adding in an interview with The Middle East Economic Survey (MEES). The level of future production "will be a major political decision... It will depend on prevailing conditions — some of them

local and some of them external," the oil minister added.

Actual allowable Abu Dhabi crude production in 1982 will be 1,065,000 barrels per day, 5,000 barrels less than the 1981 level. But pretest producing capacity is difficult to estimate with any certainty MEES said. In addition to expanding oil production, Abu Dhabi is also engaged in a major program to investigate and evaluate its deep gas reserves. Dr. Otaiba was quoted as saying results from deep drilling indicate the gas reserves "could be something enormous."

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**Nine African states sign trade agreement**

LUSAKA, Dec. 21 (R) — Nine African nations signed a Preferential Trade Area (PTA) treaty covering east and southern Africa in Lusaka Monday.

Several other countries present did not sign the agreement, although some may do so later. The treaty and its 12 protocols cover a broad range of measures for freer regional trade and cooperation in industry, agriculture, transport and communications. The agreement was signed by the Comoros Islands, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius, Somalia, Uganda and Zambia.

Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi, who is also chairman of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), proposed that Lusaka be the headquarters for the PTA secretariat to be set up next year. Zambia's President Kenneth Kaunda accepted.

Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland and Zimbabwe had delegations present at the ceremony in Lusaka's luxurious Mulungushi conference center but did not sign. Informed sources said they believed Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland — the so-called BLS

countries — might join Zimbabwe in signing the treaty in the first quarter of next year. The BLS states are members of a customs union with white-ruled South Africa, and their position has received special recognition in a treaty protocol.

Potential treaty adherents not attending the ceremony were Madagascar, Mozambique, Seychelles and Tanzania. The Tanzanian announcement Saturday that it would not come to Lusaka had caught many delegations by surprise.

The signing ceremony was the culmination of four years of negotiations in collaboration with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) based at Addis Ababa. The leader of the Zimbabwe delegation, Finance Minister Ernos Nkala, said his country was still considering the treaty among the many decisions it has had to take since independence in April last year. But he described Zimbabwe's commitment to the preferential trade area as unequivocal and said his government remained committed to joining.

**Zhao to trim bureaucracy**

PEKING, Dec. 21 (R) — Premier Zhao Ziyang, pledging to trim China's notoriously slow and inefficient bureaucracy, has staked his reputation on creating a basis for long-term economic recovery but faces major obstacles on the road to prosperity.

The man who appointed him, 77-year-old Vice-Chairman Deng Xiaoping, has managed to lead the world's most populous nation away from Maoism and pur government leftists on the defensive. It is now up to the tough, self-assured Zhao, 55 years old, to prove that his brand of Communism can deliver the goods that will guarantee no-one will turn back the clock.

In a long economic report to a recent session of the National People's Congress (NPC), China's parliament, Premier Zhao outlined plans for slow but steady growth up to 1985 while the economy is put in order for "readjustment." He said growth should then gather speed up to 1990 and spoke of "a new period of economic renewal in the last decade of the century." Echoing Deng, he called on all Chinese to strive to quadruple output by the year 2000.

Zhao pledged to streamline the bureaucracy, which he said was plagued by endless haggling and buckpassing. He told the Congress that he would cut staff, merge departments and resubmit many leading administrators to put an end to it. There would be greater reliance on foreign credits with a preference for low-interest loans, which means aid from the World Bank, International Monetary Fund and other governments.

Just a few years ago, any Chinese who advocated foreign loans would have been

arrested and jailed for heresy. World Bank figures show China's foreign debt was \$3.4 billion at the end of last year. Finance Minister Weng Bingjian said in Tokyo recently that it was now \$4.7 billion. Premier Zhao said that cheap, long-term loans would be used mainly for projects such as developing energy sources and improving China's overburdened transport system.

He said that small firms which could earn foreign exchange quickly would get more access to foreign capital and technology.

**Export trade doubled by South Korea**

SEOUL, Dec. 21 (AFP) — South Korea's commodity exports have doubled in four years from \$10 billion in 1977 to \$20 billion this year, the commerce-industry ministry announced Monday.

Exports passed the \$20 billion mark Saturday and were expected to reach \$20.08 billion by the end of the year, up nearly 20 percent over last year's performance of \$17.5 billion. Fibres and textile products continued to be South Korea's most important export item, amounting to \$6,000 million and constituting 28.6 percent of the total exports this year.

Other leading export items were: Iron-steel products, electronic products, machinery, primary industry products and chemical products.

**Chad official requests aid from Gulf**

ABU DHABI, Dec. 21 (R) — Chad Agriculture and Development Minister Mahamat Saleh Ahmat said Monday his strife-torn country needed financial aid for reconstruction.

Delivering an appeal from Chad President Goukouni Oueddei at the end of a three-day visit to the United Arab Emirates, Ahmat said the food and medical aid provided by some European countries and United Nations agencies was not enough. Chad faced serious problems from civil war and drought, Ahmat said. Income from agriculture was half what it was in previous years, he said.

Ahmat later left for Kuwait. He said he would also visit Iraq and Syria to deliver President Oueddei's appeal. A detailed aid program for Chad would be presented later.

Ahmat said although a few Libyan school-teachers remained in Chad, all Libyan troops sent to back the government against the rebel forces of former Defense Minister Hissene Habre, had returned home.

**Hong Kong accord with EEC reported**

GENEVA, Dec. 21 (AFP) — Hopes of an agreement on a renewed Multifibre Arrangement (MFA) rose Monday with an accord between the European Economic Community (EEC) and Hong Kong on reduced access rights for Hong Kong to the EEC market, informed sources said here.

The request from the EEC for reduced access rights for Hong Kong, Macau, South Korea and Taiwan had been the sole obstacle to a compromise on extending the MFA. Talks began in Geneva Nov. 18. The informed sources said Hong Kong gave assurances to the EEC. South Korea was hesitating to follow suit.

The signature for a five-year renewal of the MFA from next Jan. 1 was generally thought possible Tuesday.

**Reply may be negative**

**Banks study Polish plea**

ZURICH, Dec. 21 (R) — Eight big European and U.S. banks met in Zurich Monday to discuss Poland's cash crisis which is jeopardizing a planned agreement on a new timetable for repayment of its foreign debts.

The meeting follows the imposition of martial law in Poland and Warsaw's request to 23 banks last week for an extra \$350 million to help it pay interest arrears. U.S. banks have reacted coldly to the Polish request, while West German banks say they will consider new loans only if the Bonn government gives a complete guarantee for such credits.

Banking sources said some of the 23 banks were considered certain to reject the request, and that Monday's meeting was to decide what the implications would be for the agreement recently hammered out with Poland on rescheduling \$2.4 billion in debt

**Dollar eases against major currencies**

LONDON, Dec. 21 (AP) — The U.S. dollar eased slightly against most major currencies in quiet early trading Monday. Gold prices opened lower and showed little change in later deals.

In Tokyo, where trading ends before it begins in Europe, the dollar firmed to close at 220.15 yen, up from 219.90 yen Friday. Dealers said trading was thin ahead of the festival holidays, and the Polish situation appeared to have no effect on the market.

In London and other European capitals, however, the dollar eased. The British pound cost \$1.8795 in early deals, compared with \$1.8755 at the close Friday. London's five main bullion houses set the mid-morning "fixing" at \$183.75 an ounce.

Closing gold prices in U.S. dollars per tray ounce:

London	408.125
Paris	417.04
Zurich	414.97
Zurich	412.50
Hong Kong	417.11

**London commodities**

Closing Prices Monday

Gold 16 per ounce	404.25
Silver cash (per ounce)	450.75
3 months	455.25
Copper cash	855.25
3 months	853.00
7 1/2 months	860.50
Lead cash	8985.00
3 months	873.50
Zinc cash	460.50
3 months	466.50
Aluminum cash	604.50
3 months	628.75
3 1/2 months	2967.50
3 months	2987.50
Sugar January	175.80
March	180.95
Coffee January	1130.00
March	1120.00
Cocoa December	1149.00
March	1136.00

Notes: Prices in pounds per metric ton. The above prices are provided by Saudi Research & Investment Ltd., P.O. Box 6474, Tel: 6653948, Jeddah.

**Stress on domestic factors**

**Japan envisages 5.2% growth**

TOKYO, Dec. 21 (R) — Japan has formally adopted its official outlook for the Japanese economy next year, placing far more reliance on domestic factors than on exports for its expected growth.

The Japanese cabinet Monday endorsed projections by the Economic Planning Agency (EPA) that real economic growth in fiscal 1982, starting next April, would reach 5.2 percent, considerably higher than private forecasts of between 3.1 and 4.5 percent. The EPA also lowered for the second time the likely real gross national product (GNP) growth for this year, estimated now at 4.1 percent compared to its October estimate of 4.7 percent.

But Japan, under severe criticism in the West where its booming exports are blamed for depriving workers of jobs, is expected to have a record trade surplus in the next financial year of 6,600 billion yen (\$30.1 billion) after a record 5,900 billion yen (\$26.3 billion) expected this year, the EPA said. The agency calculated that exports in the 1982 financial year would rise only 98 percent when measured in yen after climbing 17.2 percent during the current year.

Despite pressure from both the United States and the European Economic Community (EEC) to boost imports quickly, the EPA projections showed that Japanese imports should rise by only 4.4 percent next year after increasing just two percent this year.

Exports in 1982 should rise to 36,200 billion yen (\$165.2 billion) and imports to 29,700 billion yen (\$135.6 billion) compared to 1981 projections of 34,300 billion yen (\$153.1 billion) for exports and 28,400 billion yen (\$126.8 billion) for imports, using exchange rates of 224 Japanese yen to the dollar for 1981 and 519 yen for next year.

Japan's 1982 current account surplus, which includes trade surplus payments for shipping, banking and insurance, was put at \$12 billion, up from a new estimate of \$10 billion this year, revised sharply higher from an estimate of \$7 billion in October.

A cabinet statement issued with the EPA forecast reiterated the government's aim of trying for more harmonious trade relations with other countries.

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"	Enlarging the mayor's office	—	20	1-2-1982
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3.	Rio Los Sauces	Alireza	Containers/Reefar	13.12.81
4.	Eisfeth	O.C.E.	Frozen chicken	20.12.81
5.	Frigo Las Palmas	Star	Fruits	20.12.81
6.	Klio	Alisabah	Bagged Barley	14.12.81
8.	John Michalos	A.E.T.	Gattaral	20.12.81
10.	Golden Jeddah	A.E.T.	Gar/Jcars/PContrs.	14.12.81
11.	Wada Everett	O.C.E.	Bananas	17.12.81
13.	Al Bandari	H.S.S.C.	Bagged Barley	20.12.81
15.	Transword Gollath	Globe	Harvesters/Gen.	19.12.81
16.	Kai Maru	Alireza	Containers	20.12.81
18.	Zeus I	Roljaco	Bulk Cement	16.12.81
19.	Jill Cord	Alisabah	Bulk Cement	20.12.81
23.	Vorras	Alisabah	Bagged Barley	16.12.81
25.	Laura	O.C.E.	Froz. Poultry/Rabbits Vegetable	18.12.81
26.	Dimitrios	O.C.E.	Sesame seeds	19.12.81
28.	Ifico I	Star	Fish/Meat	20.12.81
27.	Stirling Universal	Star	Fruit	16.12.81
38.	Banaldar	A.E.T.	Containers	20.12.81
38.	Go Go Reefar	O.C.E.	Fruits	20.12.81
39.	Maldive Carrier	Ori	General/Oyster Shell Powder/Steel	19.12.81
40.	Alwahdah	O.C.E.	Apples/pears	17.12.81
40.	Maldive Amity	Ori	Tiles/Timber/Gan.	7.12.81
42.	Sun Hope	Alireza	Vehicles	20.12.81
43.	Lady of Lorne	S.S.M.S.C.	Rice/Maize	20.12.81
RoRo	Marzario Parsia	A.E.T.	Contra/RoRo	20.12.81

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Al Bandari	ISSC	Bagged Barley	"
Itho — I	Star	Fish/meat	"
Frigo Las Palmas	Star	Fruits	"
Mistral Universal	Star	Fruits/Chicken	"
Marzario Persian	A.E.T.	Contra/Ldg. MTYs	"
Sun Hope	Alireza	Vehicles	"
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French Franc (100)	61.00	—	59.15
Greek Drachma (1,000)	55.00	—	59.45
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	37.25
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Iraqi Dinar	7.00	—	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	26.70	—	28.10
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	—	15.60
Jordanian Dinar	10.15	—	10.00
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.15	—	12.25
Lebanese Lira (100)	73.70	—	73.40
Moroccan Dirham (100)	60.50	—	64.60
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.68
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	42.50
Swiss Franc (100)	6.51	—	6.42
Pound Sterling	94.00	—	94.05
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Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	34.90
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Jets, Giants assured of playoff berths

Williams earns Tampa Bay title

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (AP)—Tampa Bay and both the New York Jets and Giants were assured playoff berths...

By winning Sunday, San Francisco and Cincinnati each earned the homefield advantage throughout the playoffs...

rushed for 108 yards. Philadelphia needed the victory to finish with a better record than the Giants and earn the home advantage in the wild card playoffs.

The 49ers assured themselves a home advantage by beating New Orleans and finishing one game better in the NFC than Dallas. Johnny Davis provided the margin of victory when he ran 3 yards for a score midway through the fourth quarter.

Ken Anderson threw two touchdown passes, one covering 74 yards to Cris Collinsworth, and Cincinnati held on to beat Atlanta. Falcons' kicker Mick Luckhurst missed a 33-yard field goal attempt on the final play of the game after the Falcons had recovered an onside kick.

Steve Fuller hit Stan Rome with a 15-yard scoring pass early in the third quarter and Billy Jackson rushed for 102 yards in Kansas City's victory over Minnesota. It was the last game to be played at Metropolitan Stadium in Bloomington, Minn., and afterward, fans poured out to the field, ripping down the goal posts and tearing up seats.

Dave Krieg, replacing the injured Jim Zorn for the third straight game, threw three touchdown passes, two to Steve Largent, as Seattle whipped Cleveland, which committed 10 turnovers, seven on fumbles.

Gifford Nielsen's third touchdown pass to tight end Dave Casper, a 16-yarder with 1:51 left, rallied Houston over Pittsburgh. Nielsen had scoring passes of 15 and 23 yards to Casper in the first half.

Joe Theismann broke a Redskins pass completion record with 293 for the season, including two scoring strikes against Los Angeles.

All that both the Patriots or the Colts had at stake in their game was the first pick in the NFL draft, and the Colts lost it by winning. Bert Jones threw three touchdown passes as the Colts won for the second time this season. Baltimore's only other victory came in its opener, against New England.

The playoff lineup was set in the National Conference. A touchdown bomb by Doug Williams gave Tampa Bay a 20-17 victory at Detroit, and the Buccaneers earned the NFC Central Division title with a 9-7 record.

The Giants, 9-7, clinched the remaining NFC wild card by beating Dallas 13-10 Saturday and then watching as Jets quarterback Richard Todd threw two touchdown passes to beat Green Bay 28-3 Sunday. That left Green Bay, at 8-8, out of the wild-card picture and one game behind Tampa Bay in the NFC Central along with Detroit.

Dallas won the NFC East and San Francisco the West, while Philadelphia already had earned the first NFC wild-card spot.

The Jets not only helped settle the NFC, but also earned an American Conference wild-card berth by beating the Packers to give themselves a record of 10-5-1, one game behind Eastern Division winner Miami, 11-4-1. The Dolphins beat Buffalo 16-6 Saturday.

The only playoff spot left open was in the AFC West. Denver could have clinched the division by beating the Bears at Chicago. Instead, Chicago won 35-24, giving Denver a 10-6 record and leaving it up to San Diego to settle the division title Monday night.

San Diego plays host to Oakland, and a victory would give the Chargers a 10-6 record, the same as Denver. The Chargers would win the title with a better division record, 6-2 to Denver's 5-3.

Cincinnati already had clinched the AFC Central, while Buffalo, 10-6, was the first AFC team to earn a wild card.

On the opening day of the NFL playoffs next Sunday, the Jets host Buffalo, and the Giants travel to Philadelphia, which upped its record to 10-6 and earned the homefield advantage by beating St. Louis 38-0.

Rise and fall of the tennis superstars

PARIS, Dec. 21 (AFP)—You can deplore the tantrums and wince at the harsh language screamed at umpires and line-judges—but you have to admire the quality tennis which in 1981 enabled 'Superbrat' John McEnroe to dethrone Bjorn Borg as the world's No. 1 player.

By the end of the year, the abrasive 22-year-old New Yorker had won both the Wimbledon and United States Open titles and had helped clinch the Davis Cup for his country contributing the victories in a stormy final against Argentina in Cincinnati.

It is too early to decide whether the downfall of Borg, still only 25, is definitive. And to judge McEnroe the better player, on the strength of two victories in 1981 is to oversimplify. Lack of motivation, threats against his life and off-court worries about the health of his young Romanian wife, Marianna, obviously contributed to the Scandinavian's slump.

The first whispers of Borg's possible vulnerability were heard in May when he arrived in Paris to defend his French crown. Complaining of a shoulder injury, Borg had played no tennis since being a shock first-round victim of Paraguay's towering Victor Pecci at the Monte Carlo tournament several weeks earlier. That defeat had certainly set tongues wagging.

Borg answered his critics in his own inimitable way. He swept into the French Open final without dropping a set and won the title for a record sixth time when he beat sad-faced Czech Davis Cup star Ivan Lendl 6-1, 4-6, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1. McEnroe's visit to the French capital, by contrast, was an unhappy one. Rarely at home on the slow clay surfaces of Roland Garros, the scowling American plodded unimpressively into the quarterfinals, and there he was soundly beaten in



John McEnroe



Bjorn Borg

straight-sets by Lendl.

At Wimbledon a few weeks later, his critics in full retreat and his fans reassured, Borg set out to win the world's most coveted title for an incredible sixth consecutive time. Throughout the championships the Swede looked to be on target especially when he fought his way back from the jaws of defeat to beat his old rival Jimmy Connors in a five-set semifinal thriller.

His victory set the stage for the showdown everyone had been hoping for and predicting. On the other side of the net, for the second year running stood McEnroe. Nobody had forgotten the tremendous five-set duel with his marathon tie-break and breathtaking tennis that the two men had served up at the all-England club twelve months earlier. They

wanted more of the same.

The American player's progress through the lower-half of the Wimbledon draw was punctuated by the usual running battles with umpires, linesmen, spectators, opponents and press—behavior which later cost McEnroe heavy fine and won him few new friends.

As it turned out, neither player reproduced the quality tennis which had made the 1980 final such a classic. But the match was an enthralling point-by-point battle. McEnroe's winning score of 4-6, 7-6, 7-6, 6-4 was an accurate reflection of the razor thin difference between the world's finest players. On the day, however, McEnroe's hullett serves and instinctive volleying edged out the Swede's deadly double-fisted baseline game.

McEnroe's Wimbledon victory, coming appropriately on American independence day, ended Borg's amazing run of 41 consecutive wins in the championship—a record unlikely ever to be equalled.

Two months later the two players faced each other again in the final of the United States Open at Flushing Meadow. Borg was hiding to capture the only major title ever to elude him. He was also fighting to retain his world number-one status which had been seriously undermined by his Wimbledon defeat. In many ways the match resembled the Wimbledon final. Borg took the first set but then his game began to come apart. As McEnroe battled his way to a 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-3 victory it became clear that the edge had gone from Borg's play. One of the Scandinavian's great strengths, apart from his notorious concentration, had always been his speed about court and his determination to run for every point.

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Doug Williams

Kevin Long

Nickname is the game

By Cynthia Shanley Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Dec. 21 — "The Snake," "Mean Joe" Greene, "Too Tall" Jones, "Magic" Johnson, "Bear" Bryant, "The Whopper," and "The Doctor" may sound like the names of fictional characters in a children's story, but they're really nicknames of some of the nation's finest athletes.

No one knows why, but nicknames and sports seem to go hand in hand. It comes as no surprise then to hear of a recent contest in San Francisco to pick a nickname for 49er Quarterback Joe Montana.

More than 10,000 names were suggested by readers who responded to the challenge, sponsored by the San Francisco Chronicle. Some of the names submitted

included: Joe Cool, Frisco Kid, Gold Finger, Cable Car Joe, Sourdough Joe and Sir Pass. Two hundred fans submitted the nickname Beaut, as in Butt, Montana.

Joe Montana selected the winning nickname, "Big Sky" — another entry that evoked the state of Montana — from among 12 finalists. The winner received a pair of tickets to a 49er game and a T-shirt autographed by Montana and his teammates.

One Chronicle reader, however, complained that a nickname was the last thing that somebody with a name like Joe Montana needs. He needs a real name, the reader said, like David W. Gibson.

The 49ers recently became the NFC's Second Division champion of the season by struggling to a 17-10 victory over the New York Giants.

Yachts make slow progress in Cross Cup

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 21 (AP) — Ocean racing yachts contesting the third race of the Hiltachi Southern Cross Cup were sailing northwards in light winds on Monday night in the third race of the series.

The race over 180 nautical miles takes the 33 yachts representing 11 teams northwards to Bird Island, just South of Newcastle then south to Flinders Island off the coast from Wollongong and back to Sydney harbor.

The Australian team yacht Regattauffin, skippered by Syd Fischer was leading a closely bunched fleet after leading the yachts out through the heads into a 10-knot northeasterly sea breeze.

Up the coast, however, the breeze faded in the late afternoon and three hours after the start the leaders covered only twelve nautical miles. Regattauffin held a narrow lead from the British yacht Yeoman. They were closely followed by Regattauffin's teammate, Alan Bond's Apollo V, skippered by Melbourne

yachtsman John Bertrand.

Also well up in the fleet was Battistar, sailing from Hong Kong. Wee Willie Winkie and Aetos, sailing for Papua New Guinea. One mile astern came the third British boat Mayhem followed by the New South Wales team yacht Eschwan, which was sailing well in the light breeze.

A further mile astern came a large group of yachts led by Hiltchiker, the third Australian team boat, followed by the Hong Kong yacht Bimble Gumie followed by the two New Zealand yachts, the Rope Runner and South-ern Raider. Then came X-Regattauffin, sailing for Papua New Guinea followed by the Queensland yacht Hot Prospect II, South Australia's Renspaide, Victoria's Black Magic, the West Australian yacht Santaros and another West Australian yacht Deception.

The Victorian team yacht Challenge was well back in the fleet having been recalled at the start and in the light breeze she had been

Tracy Austin recovers to whip Martina

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey, Dec. 21 (R) — Tracy Austin beat Martina Navratilova 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 Sunday to win the singles title at the \$250,000 Women's Grand Prix Tennis Championship here.

The victory, worth \$75,000 and a new car, strengthened her claim to the No. 1 ranking this year. She began the tournament ranked third behind Chris Evert-Lloyd, whom she beat in the semifinals, and Navratilova. Austin, 19, the current U.S. Open champion, said after the match: "I think I'm No. 1 in the world this year. I'm the only player to win two majors." Navratilova agreed. "My choice right now would be Tracy," she said.

For the first 10 games of the match, such a choice seemed unlikely. From 2-2 in the first set, Austin lost eight consecutive games and won only nine points. Navratilova dominated the match, stroking winners of her forehand and smashing overheads at the net.

But then the tide began to turn. Austin said later: "I started hitting harder, playing my game." She levelled the second set by breaking Navratilova's service with two winning volleys and a driving backhand winner down the line. At 4-4, she fashioned the service break that settled the set. She obtained two break-points with a tremendous lob recovery from a searing smash and a backhand cross-court winner.

Navratilova saved the first with a drop volley but was then passed at the net with a compact, forehand drive. Serving for the set, Austin trailed love-40 when her steadiness deserted her. But Navratilova committed five successive unforced errors to give her the set.

unable to make progress on the leaders.

The conditions are made for the little half-toner Beach Inspector, sailing for the New South Wales team, which cleared the heads in front of many larger yachts. Beach Inspector was only three miles astern of the leaders. At this early stage of the race the British and Australian teams are well placed to take advantage of the predicted fresher northeasterly sea breeze.

Scores issued by the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia placed the Victorian team on 157 points, one point ahead of the defending New South Wales team on 156, followed by Britain on 152 points and the Australian team on 145. Then came New Zealand on 125 followed by Western Australia on 90 points. Equal on 54 points are Papua New Guinea, Queensland and Tasmania with South Australia on 29 points. The third race is not expected to finish until late Tuesday afternoon.

Watts, Moss foil NSW bid

SYDNEY, Dec. 21 (AP) — New South Wales' hopes for an outright win over Victoria received a setback on Monday when Victorian opener Gary Watts and Jeff Moss partnered in a defiant fourth-wicket stand of 101 in the Sheffield Shield match at the Sydney Cricket ground.

Watts and Moss seemed to have frustrated Rick McCosker's bid for outright points on Tuesday after New South Wales had gained four points for a first innings lead early Monday. At stumps Victoria were six wickets for 218 with Richie Robinson not out eight and Ray Bright not out four.

McCosker declared the New South Wales first innings closed at four wickets for 255 after passing the Victorian first innings total of 254. Peter Toobey was run out for 76 taking a cheeky single before the target was reached.

McCosker was not out 123 at the declaration — his 21st first class century — in a golden period this season which has reaped him nearly 800 runs in top class and McDonald Cup matches.

In another match, opening batsman Kim Harris made 52 and 97 in his Sheffield Shield debut against Queensland and was immediately dropped from the South Australian side to play Pakistan in Adelaide next weekend.

Harris was South Australia's main hope for a win in the Sheffield Shield match which ended in an exciting draw at the Brisbane Cricket ground. At stumps South Australia had reached nine for 198 after being set 235 to win outright. South Australia took four points for a first innings lead in the match which ended in a draw.

Harris was again in excellent form, hitting 14 fours and a six in his relentless chase for runs, sacrificing his chance for a century in a bid for victory.

Harris, 29 has been replaced by Rick Darling in the match against Javed Miandad's touring Pakistan team.

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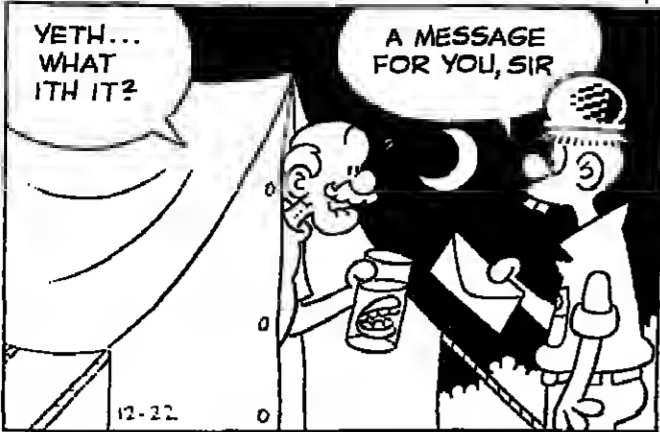
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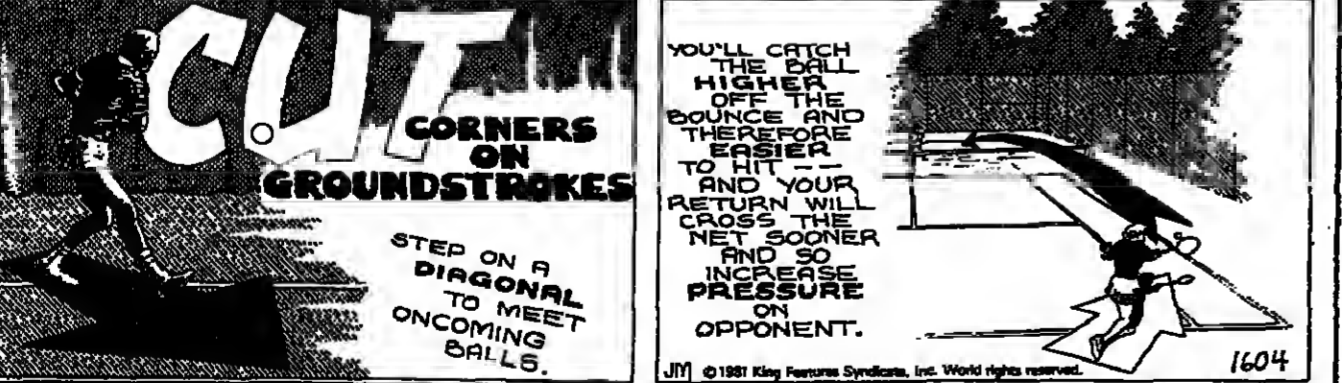
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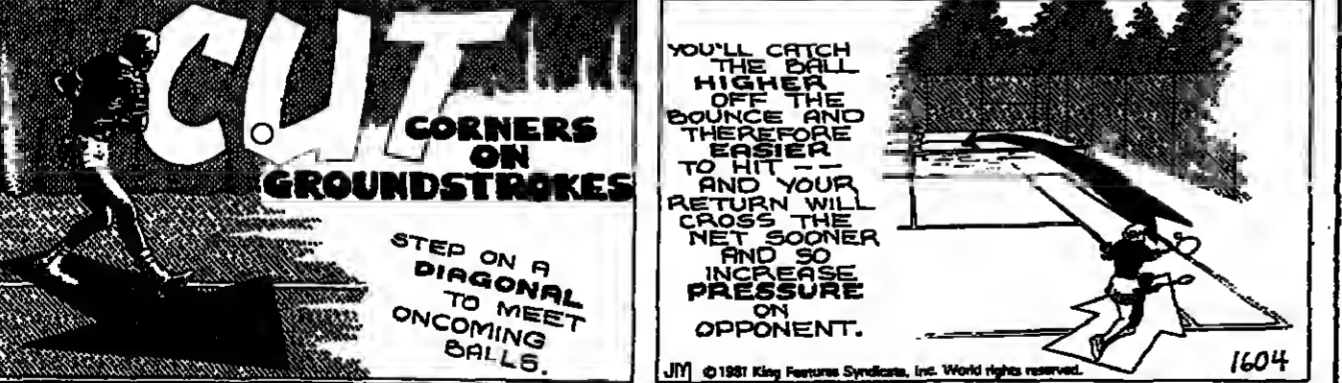
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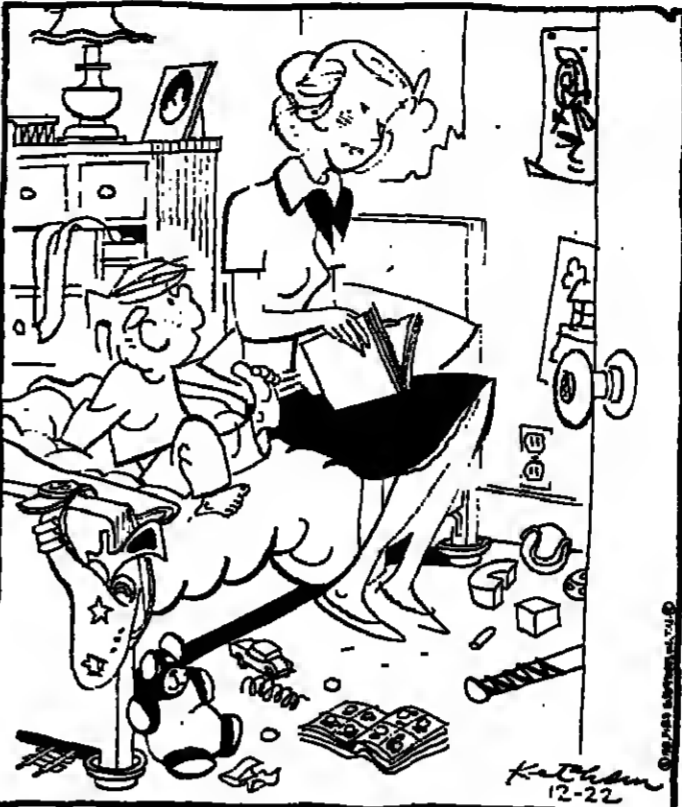
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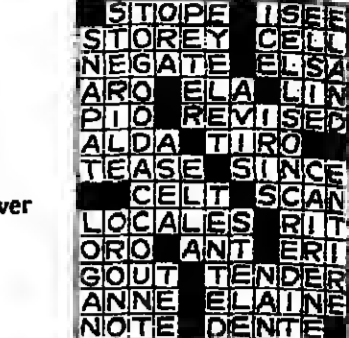
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Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS 1 Word of identification, 5 Stage setting, 10 Resting, 11 Goddess of the dawn, 12 Surf noise, 13 Made to look guilty, 14 Selling at reduced prices, 16 Greek letter, 17 Resident (suffix), 18 Not him, 19 - standstill, 20 Construct, 21 Type of gun, 23 Little (mus.), 25 Remainder, 26 John, in Minsk, 27 Source, as of a river, 29 Saul's uncle, 30 Woman's nickname, 31 Just out, 34 Do badly, 35 Pour money down a - , 37 Clothing store employee, 39 Elevator man, 40 Dined al fresco



- 41 Apportion, 42 Summer, 43 French river, DOWN 1 Polo, 2 Nearly, 3 Postman, 4 German river, 5 German artist, 6 Elizabethan, 7 Exchanged views, 8 Electra's brother, 9 Emitting heat, 11 Subsequently, 15 Gotcha!, 21 Two eras, 22 Bikini part, 23 Wood derivative, 24 Played the glutton river, 27 Symbol on a valentine, 28 Consume, 30 Journalist, 31 Heywood, 32 Kind of type, 33 German river, 36 Cozy, 38 - Henry Hoover

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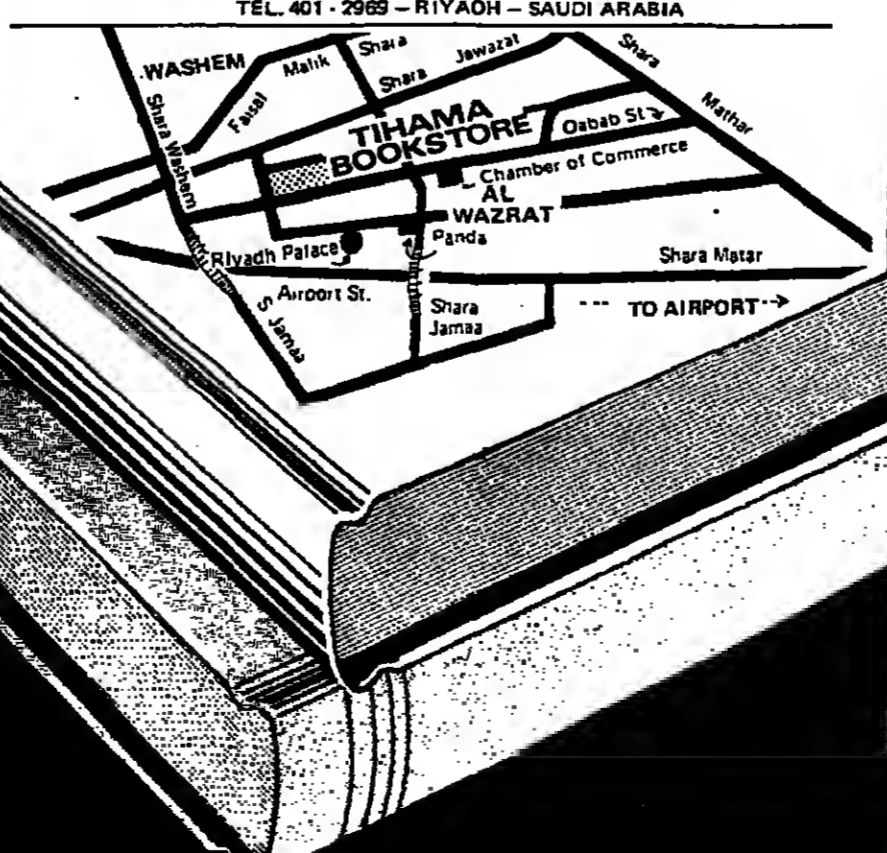
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## Old differences surface

# French left split over Poland

PARIS, Dec. 1 (AFP) — The French left which swept to power on May 10 after two decades in opposition is now divided over Poland. Polish martial law has reopened all the old differences which have split Communists and Socialists over how to deal with Moscow and its allies.

France's four Communist ministers have publicly stated their adherence to the Polish policy outlined by President Francois Mitterrand and Premier Pierre Mauroy, who have made it clear they view the state of siege as unacceptable.

Mitterrand told the weekly cabinet meeting last Wednesday that: "The loss of individual, collective and public liberties in Poland is to be condemned and must for this reason be clearly and vigorously denounced."

This is very different language to that used by the French Communist Party Secretary-General Georges Marchais, and leaders of the Communist-dominated General Confederation of Labor (CGT) trade union.

For while on Monday morning the non-Communist left organized a nationwide one-hour strike in protest against repression in Poland, Communists have refused to take part on the grounds that "it might aggravate the situation." In other words, while there is apparent cohesion at ministerial level between Communists and Socialists, there is an evident split at party and trade union levels.

As the days unfold, the differences grow wider. Socialist Party Secretary-General Lionel Jospin has urged that the West should use its economic and financial power over Poland to pressure the Warsaw government to halt its repression and release members of the free trade union Solidarity.

The Communist Party Polithuro issued a warning against "all those who see only the worse side of Poland, in order to serve interior political motives." The gap could hardly be larger.

But on Saturday Jospin showed that all bridges had not been burned by saying that he "did not give up hope that certain people will join us," hinting broadly at the absence of the Communists at Monday's one-hour protest movement.

While Communist leaders put out a statement stressing their wish for a "peaceful and democratic settlement" and adding that they would take "appropriate measures," they bitterly criticized the right opposition for trying to take political advantage of the Polish crisis. Differences between the Communist and Socialist parties are mirrored in relations between the non-Communist trade unions and the CGT.

The Socialist-dominated French Democratic Labor Confederation (CFDT) has strongly condemned the Warsaw military regime and urged the French government to spearhead forces to force it to relax its repression.

The moderate Force Ouvriere (FPO), France's third main trade union, has been just as active attacking Polish repression. But the CGT has maintained its refusal to join them in the one-hour protest movement.

## Swiss tighten security steps

BERN, Switzerland, Dec. 21 (AP) — Swiss authorities have reinforced security precautions following threats of terrorist acts unless an Armenian commando convicted Saturday by a Geneva court on a terrorist murder charge is not released within a week. Justice Ministry spokesman Ulrich Hubacher said on Monday security was tightened after a caller claiming to speak on behalf of the "Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia" (ASALA) sounded the warning in telephone calls to western media in Beirut.

Mardiros Jamkudjian, self-avowed ASALA commando, was found guilty of murder in the shooting of a Turkish consular employee in Geneva last June and was sentenced to 15 years in prison.

The Beirut caller on Sunday said ASALA gave Swiss authorities until next Saturday to release Jamkudjian and that "after that deadline we will attack... All Swiss government and civil institutions and all representatives of that government." The Justice Ministry spokesman noted that the Swiss government had already stated last July that it will "not yield to extortionist demands by terrorist organizations."

Meanwhile, the Turkish government and newspaper editorials Monday heaped praise on the Swiss court for sentencing the Armenian terrorist.

## Danish efforts put off

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 21 (AFP) — Outgoing Danish Premier Anker Joergensen, whose Social Democrat Party lost nine seats in the Dec. 8 elections, Monday abandoned his attempt to form a new government. Joergensen announced that he will inform Queen Margrethe of his decision and will advise her to consult with other political leaders in parliament. The outgoing premier had handed in his government's resignation the day after the elections, in which the Social Democrats won 59 seats.

Observers here believed that if Joergensen is requested to try again and fails, the queen is likely to turn to Liberal leader Henning Christophersen to put together a coalition.



MARCH FOR SOLIDARITY: Mrs. Shirley Williams (center), Social Democratic Party MP, with Tadek Jarski and Peter Shore, MP (right) gives a press interview outside the Polish Embassy in London Sunday after a march to deliver a petition on behalf of the Solidarity trade union. The petition was not accepted by the embassy.

## Poles seek asylum in Japan

TOKYO, Dec. 21 (R) — Fourteen crewmen of a Polish freighter which is loading rice in Japan have asked for asylum, the Foreign Ministry said Monday. They are now in the hands of the Tokyo office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), it said.

Thirteen persons from the ship, including a woman and a child, asked for asylum in the West while the 6,932-ton *Phenian* was loading rice for Poland at the central Japanese port of Nagoya last week. The 14th applied for asylum in Tokyo Monday. The ship was scheduled to leave Tokyo Thursday.

The Japanese news agency Kyodo reported a taped account reaching Tokyo Monday from a Japanese official of the Polish trade union Solidarity, saying troops guarding a major road crossing in Warsaw had

attacked people with clubs.

The tape came from Yoshio Umeda, 32, Solidarity's deputy chief of international affairs since last year. Kyodo said the tape was delivered to Umeda's father-in-law, Yukio Kudo, by a friend, and it was not known when he taped the account.

Umeda, a resident in Poland since the age of 13 and a graduate of Warsaw University, was quoted as saying the Warsaw Solidarity office was ransacked and flooded, with typewriters and printing machines damaged. A number of senior Solidarity members were arrested hours after the imposition of martial law at 6 a.m. on Dec. 13, he said.

"I may be rounded up too, but I will not run away," he said on the tape. In fact, he was briefly held in custody last Wednesday, but released soon afterward, Kyodo reported.



WARNING: Alexei Semyonov (left) of Newton, Mass., was being issued a warning ticket by a police officer in Brookline Sunday for speeding. Semyonov looks happy as he was not fined.

## Soviet wife gets taste of U.S. justice

BROOKLINE, Massachusetts, Dec. 21 (AP) — Liza Alexeyeva, whose four-year struggle to leave the Soviet Union included confrontations with the KGB, got her first taste of U.S. justice Sunday when she and her husband were stopped for speeding.

Police officer Jimmy Riley said he did not know who was in the car he pulled over for going 55 miles per hour in a 30-mph zone here.

"I thought I recognized the name," Riley said. "I got back in the car and started to write a ticket. Then a photographer told me who

they were... I gave him a warning instead. They won't be fined."

Miss Alexeyeva and her husband, Alexei Semyonov, were on their way to Semyonov's Newton home after their reunion at Logan International Airport less than two hours earlier.

"They were kind of surprised," Riley said. "They didn't know what to expect. Afterward I said to the lady, 'welcome to the country.' And I said to the driver, 'your luck is changing.' Everyone was laughing at the end."

## Notes Polish determination

### Waldheim feels victim of big powers

VIENNA, Dec. 21 (R) — Austrian-born Kurt Waldheim, vetoed by China in his bid for a third term as United Nations secretary-general, told a Vienna newspaper he considered himself a "victim of a game played by the great powers."

In an interview with the independent daily *Die Presse* published Monday, Waldheim said: "The only power against me was China and it was just the Chinese, who kept telling me privately and officially what marvelous work I have done."

"Then all of a sudden they said the time for a Third-World candidate had come. Nobody could foresee this."

Waldheim said had he known the Chinese intended to veto his candidacy, he would have decided against standing for a third five-year term. On the situation in Poland, Waldheim said although martial law could not be considered "a positive affair," he thought it showed "the Polish government is determined to solve its difficulties on its own."

"Therefore I don't believe the Russians will interfere and I just hope that bloodshed will be avoided," he added. Waldheim refused to talk about his future plans, saying "I consider it wrong to make a statement at this moment."

## Moscow major threat to peace, Peking says

PEKING, Dec. 21 (R) — China said Monday the Soviet Union remained the major threat to world peace but that both Moscow and Washington were using arms control negotiations as means to win supremacy.

The official New China News Agency said in a commentary that two new trends had emerged in 1981: a hard-line approach to Moscow by the United States and a "peace offensive" by the Soviet Union. But it was clear the major threat to world peace came from Moscow, the agency said. It had accelerated its nuclear missile program, staged maneuvers near Poland "for the purposes of armed intervention" and increased its military aid to Cuba to a record level.

The Kremlin had also held joint maneuvers for the first time with non-Warsaw Pact countries in the Middle East and North Africa and had quietly engaged in infiltration in the Middle East and Latin America, it added. But Moscow had gone to the negotiating table in Geneva because it had run into difficulties at home and stood in isolation abroad.

It had a bad harvest this year and support for Afghanistan, Vietnam and Cuba remained a heavy burden. The United States

was negotiating arms limitation because it had to accede to demands by its European allies "in exchange for their consent to deploy new nuclear missiles in Europe," the agency said in a signed year-end commentary.

"For the two superpowers, negotiation is just another means to achieve their strategic goals for supremacy," it said. "They may negotiate a compromise on minor and local issues but a comprehensive compromise seems unlikely."

The people of the world, living under the constant threat of superpower rivalry, could only safeguard peace by "waging a protracted struggle against hegemonism," the agency said, without defining exactly who it meant. China has said prospects for success at the arms control talks are slim since both superpowers the Soviet Union in particular, are using them as a smokescreen to conceal their efforts to improve and enlarge their nuclear arsenals.

Peking frequently accuses the other Communist giant of "hegemonism," which means domination over others, but has recently used the word about Washington in the context of U.S. arms sales to Nationalist China, which it regards as Chinese territory.

## Recapture of major cities

### S. Africa foils Angolan bid

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Dec. 21 (AP) — The Angolan Defense Ministry said Monday South African troops repulsed an Angolan attempt to recapture major cities in the Cuanene province earlier this month, the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug reported from Luanda.

Angolan forces launched the attack on Dec. 2, but two days later South African troops and air force staged a "powerful counteroffensive on Angolan positions in the cities of Umbe, Sangobgo, Mongua and the provincial center of Njiva," Tanjug quoted the ministry as saying.

"Faced with the superior enemy, the Angolan forces withdrew," the ministry said, adding that South Africans lost one Fuma-7 landing helicopter, one bomber and three soldiers.

The ministry, according to Tanjug, said South African troops "have been holding under occupation since last August considerable parts of the southern province of Cunene."

In November and December, South African Air Force carried out over 140 reconnaissance flights over Angola, two bombing mis-

sions and one strafing attack. Six commando landing operations and several land attacks were also carried out in that period, Tanjug said quoting the ministry statement.

Meanwhile, life has become hard in Luanda, but even the most discontented former settlers swear it would be worse if the main guerrilla force, UNITA, gained power.

That UNITA (the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola) will not simply go away was brought home to the people when part of the country's only refinery, on the outskirts of Luanda, was blown up last month. UNITA claimed responsibility and the government was lucky the damage was not much worse.

The governing Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) was never able to pull off anything as spectacular during its 13-year guerrilla war against the Portuguese before independence in 1975.

As UNITA steps up its pressure on the MPLA government and President Ronald Reagan's administration gives its leader, Jonas Savimbi, a hearing, the question of how close the guerrillas are to securing power gains relevance.

## Within 11 months

### Reagan 'brings radical revision'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AFP) — The 40th and eldest United States president ever to occupy the White House approaches his second year having demonstrated, if nothing else, the error of ever underestimating Ronald Reagan.

In less than 11 months the 70-year-old chief executive has brought about a radical revision of the government of the United States in the administrative, social, economic, and foreign policy spheres.

Reagan, in youth and middle age a Hollywood B-movie star before entering politics in later life as governor of California, has programed his administration to redressing what he sees as two basic imbalances: Too much government at home and too much Soviet influence abroad.

He has succeeded with more speed and ease than many of his supposedly more sophisticated predecessors in winning congressional support of his programs.

To congressmen and mayors who bring him news of disaffection of their voters at his relentless cuts in social spending, to bankers and businessmen who are less than reassured by the effects of his "trickle-down" Reaganomics, the president blandly insists

that the goal in view is relaunching economic growth and conquering unemployment by giving a free hand to private enterprise.

Clearly, what he has not yet succeeded in doing is to reassure millions of working Americans who, still waiting for the benefits of his program to "trickle down" from the business sphere, are increasingly feeling the pinch.

That Reagan can on occasion exchange stubbornness for token flexibility was evidenced first at the North-South conference of world leaders last October at Cancun, Mexico, and then in a November policy speech on East-West relations.

In Cancun, he finally departed from his self-help doctrine and reluctantly consented to pursue a dialogue with Third World countries leading to so-called "global negotiations."

In his November speech on relations with the Soviets, Reagan suddenly unveiled a comprehensive peace program that was a good deal at variance with the views aired at his first news conference after taking office, when he accused the Soviet Union of lies and trickery in its goal of promoting world communism.

## London paper found guilty of contempt

LONDON, Dec. 21 (AP) — *The Daily Mail* newspaper and its editor, David English, were found guilty of contempt by the London High Court Monday.

It was the second time in a week that a British newspaper and its editor were declared guilty of contempt over critical articles published during the October trial of a doctor accused of deliberately killing a down's syndrome baby. Pediatrician Leonard Arthur was later acquitted of attempted murder.

The articles in *The Daily Mail* and *The Sunday Express* were judged to have violated Britain's new contempt of court law which bans anything that might run a "substantial" risk of prejudicing a trial.

Last Friday, the High Court fined *The Sunday Express* 10,000 pounds (\$18,800) and its editor, Sir John Junor, 1,000 pounds (\$1,880) after Junor pleaded guilty to violating the contempt law by writing a column on the down's syndrome case.

*The Daily Mail*, however, pleaded innocent to the contempt charge.

## Swiss cabinet mulls joining United Nations

BERNE, Dec. 21 (R) — The Swiss Cabinet proposed Monday that Switzerland, where the United Nations has its European headquarters, should join the U.N.

Backing from parliament for the move is likely to be a formality, but approval from the nation might be another matter. Decisions on laws and international treaties must be put to a referendum under Swiss law. An opinion poll in October showed that 37 percent of Swiss were against joining and only 33 percent were in favor.

Switzerland is already a member of the major U.N. subsidiary bodies and host to some, such as the World Health Organization and the International Labor Organization, which are based in Geneva. Several centrist and right-wing politicians said Monday that they had set up a committee to oppose Swiss membership. It would inform citizens about what it called "the dangers of such a move for the future of our country, particularly our neutrality."

The government had commissioned three studies, the first in 1969, on the effects of Swiss membership before formulating its proposal. Officials said a referendum could take place before the end of 1983.

## Good Morning

By Jihad Al-Khazen

Crime, they say, doesn't pay. But they are of course wrong. Some crimes pay, and very handsomely indeed. They also cost society — especially if it is a highly industrialized and competitive one — untold millions each year. First and foremost among those "social crimes" is that of absenteeism, that cutting down of an hour of work here, a day there, to end up by the end of the working year with perhaps a whole month's unearned pay.

The figures involved are staggering. In the United States, the annual cost of absenteeism is estimated to be \$40 billion. In great Britain, it is between £3-4 billion. These figures are hardly ever mentioned when the economic situation of the country concerned is discussed. But they are there just the same, an added cost to already overburdened economies.

When I first came to work in Britain, I used to put my car at a private car park near my place of work. On normal working days, I always found the place very crowded. But not on Mondays or Fridays. This, I assumed, was because the British, for some reason I couldn't guess, used public transport on such days. But slowly it dawned on me. There were fewer cars on those days because people took what they call a "long weekend." Each Friday, many people discover they are not feeling very well, so they think it's wiser to stay at home. And if they'd forgotten to do that, then they start feeling unwell on Monday morning.

Not all absenteeism is caused by laziness or simple inability to keep up with the required work schedule. Some of it, I'm told, is caused by what is called "moonlighting," or holding another job illegally while being paid for full time work. Very nasty, you might think.

But we shouldn't really be casting stones — or at least those several unofficial "taxi drivers" I know should not, as they sign in for work in the morning only to go out of the back door to their real moonlighting — the taxi they run.

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## Brezhnev hopes relations with U.S. to improve

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP) — A prominent American industrialist who has had close contacts with Soviet officials for decades said Monday that Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev gave him a note last Thursday expressing the hope that U.S.-Soviet relations will improve.

Armand Hammer, president of Occidental Petroleum Corp., said in an interview from Burbank, California, on NBC's *Today* show that Brezhnev handed him a three-page message during their meeting in Moscow.

"The tone of it is that relations between Russian and the United States had reached a very low level, and he was, however, hopeful that the beginning of the talks in Geneva between Gromyko and Secretary Haig were a good beginning and he hoped this would lead to improved relations between our two countries," Hammer said.

Hammer was referring to the meetings planned for Jan. 26-27 between Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko. Resumption of strategic arms limitation talks is one of the discussion topics.

Hammer, who has maintained ties with Kremlin officials since the 1920, said Brezhnev made no mention of the crackdown of the Solidarity labor movement in Poland during the conversation.

"As a matter of fact, he seemed very much at ease. He didn't look like a man that was very much concerned about what was going on or a man that was under great pressure," Hammer continued. "And since he never mentioned Poland, I didn't either."

Hammer opposed suggestions that the United States impose a trade embargo on the Soviets for their alleged involvement in the Polish situation because "I don't think boycotts work very well unless everybody joins in them."

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